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## SUMMARY

A theory, based on the First Law of Thermodynamics and hydrodynamic laws governing the flow of gases, is developed for the calculation of the mass of fluid pumped per stroke and of indicator diagrams for the pumping process of internal-combustion engines, compressors, or vacuum pumps. The data needed are few and easily obtainable. Thus, the volumetric efficiency and the indicator diagrams for the inlet and exhaust processes of an internal-combustion engine can be obtained even before the engine is actually built.

The differential equations of the theory, although incapable of ordinary mathematical integration, can be solved by means of a differential analyzer, or, more laboriously, by a method of step-by-step calculation.

A large number of inlet and exhaust processes of three different gasoline engines are calculated and, although the theoretical volumetric efficiencies, owing to some approximations made in the theory, are, on the average, 5 percent higher than the measured values, the trends predicted by the theory are correct.

The agreement between the calculated and measured indicator diagrams seems to be within the precision of the measuring indicator, with indications that in certain cases the calculated pressures are more accurate. In some cases where the agreement is poor, the discrepancy can be traced to (1) a zero shift of the atmospheric lines in the measured indicator diagrams, (2) gross errors in estimating the initial pressures of the theoretical indicator diagrams, (3) a combination of causes (1) and (2), or (4) vibrations set up in the inlet and exhaust pipes of the test engine.

It is found from theoretical calculations that by varying the inlet pressure  $p_i$  and the exhaust pressure  $p_e$ , other things being kept constant, the volumetric efficiency varies with the ratio  $p_i/p_e$  regardless of the individual levels of either  $p_i$  or  $p_e$ .

The theory also indicates that for the inlet process, the effect of decreasing the piston speed is the same as increasing the relative size of the inlet valve to the piston or increasing the velocity of sound in the intake charge; and for the exhaust process, the effect of decreasing the piston speed is the same as increasing the relative size of the exhaust valve to the piston or increasing the velocity of sound in the ideal residual gas (defined in the text).

With the aid of the theory, it is possible to calculate some hypothetical inlet and exhaust processes which are impossible to obtain on actual engines, such as the cases where the valves open and close instantaneously.

### INTRODUCTION

Of the four strokes that make up an Otto- or Diesel-engine cycle, the compression stroke can be analyzed with a good degree of accuracy; that is, calculated pressure-volume-temperature relations agree reasonably well with experimental results. Since the publication of thermodynamic charts for the working fluid in internal-combustion engines by Hottel and coworkers in 1936 (reference 1), the thermodynamic changes caused by combustion and expansion can also be predicted with a fair degree of accuracy. However, despite the efforts of many investigators (of whom the more important and representative ones are cited in references 2 to 8), there has been no satisfactory method of analyzing the inlet and exhaust processes.

Most of the past researches on this subject consist of experimental work that applies only to a particular set of conditions; and the few analytical treatments are either unsatisfactory or very limited in scope. Thus, the relation of cylinder pressure to crank angle of the inlet and exhaust processes and the volumetric efficiency of the cylinder cannot be known until after the engine is actually built and tested.

To the design engineer as well as to the research engineer, this certainly is a great handicap and inconvenience; for air capacity is perhaps the most important single factor limiting the maximum power output of an engine. A method of predicting air capacity would be especially convenient when a new design or certain changes in design or operating conditions are contemplated.

With these views in mind, research was undertaken by the author under the supervision of Prof. Edward S. Taylor, and the findings were embodied in a thesis (reference 9) and submitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June 1944. The method developed therein applies to any single-cylinder engine with very short inlet and exhaust pipes. The data needed for the analytical solutions are few and very

simple to obtain, and the agreement between the calculated and experimental results is quite satisfactory. The material in this report is based on the theory developed in that thesis, plus an extensive check of the theory with experimental results. This covers three different engines and the following ranges of variables:

<u>Average effective inlet-valve opening area</u>	0.058 - 0.026
Piston area	
<u>Average effective exhaust-valve opening area</u>	0.056 - 0.026
Piston area	
Inlet opening, degrees B.T.C.	45 - 3
Inlet closing, degrees A.B.C.	33 - 127
Exhaust opening, degrees B.B.C.	132 - 60
Exhaust closing, degrees A.T.C.	3 - 45
Inlet-valve opening duration; crank angle, degrees	216 to 352
Exhaust-valve opening duration; crank angle, degrees	243 to 352
<u>Inlet pressure</u>	0.5 - 4.0
Exhaust pressure	
<u>Mean piston speed</u>	0.0055 - 0.0420
Velocity of sound in intake mixture	

It may be well to point out that, although the theory was intended for the pumping process of the internal-combustion engine, it is equally applicable to reciprocating compressors or vacuum pumps in which the working medium is a gaseous substance.

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#### EQUATION OF THE INLET PROCESS - VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCY

During the inlet process, the energy content in the cylinder continuously changes for the following three reasons: (1) fresh energy is brought in by the fuel-air mixture through the inlet valve; (2) work is

performed on the piston by the cylinder contents; and (3) heat is transferred between the cylinder contents and their surroundings. In symbols,

$$dE = dH - p dV + dQ \quad (1)$$

where

$dE$  change of internal energy in the cylinder

$dH$  enthalpy brought into the cylinder by the fresh charge

$p$  cylinder pressure

$dV$  change of cylinder volume

$dQ$  heat transferred into the cylinder contents

All the changes take place during the same time interval  $dt$ . (For a list of symbols used in this report see appendix A.)

If the cylinder contents are assumed to be homogeneous and a perfect gas, then

$$E = MC_v T \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and} \quad dE = C_v d(MT) \quad (3)$$

where

$M$  mass of cylinder contents

$T$  absolute temperature of cylinder contents

$C_v$  mean specific heat (at constant volume) of the cylinder contents, assumed to be constant

$$\text{Also} \quad dH = C_p T_1 dM \quad (4)$$

where

$C_p$  mean specific heat at constant pressure of the fresh charge, assumed constant

$T_1$  absolute temperature of the fresh mixture at station 1 (fig. 1(a)). Station 1 is a station upstream of the inlet valve where pressure and temperature are sensibly constant and where the velocity of flow of the intake charge is considerably lower than that through the

valve;  $T_i$  is what is usually referred to as the inlet temperature.

$dM$  mass of charge admitted into the cylinder in time  $dt$

Combining equations (1), (3), and (4) yields

$$C_v d(MT) = C_p T_i dM - p dV + dQ \quad (5)$$

which is the general differential equation of the inlet process. It should be noted that in equation (5)  $dQ$  really consists of two parts: the heat picked up by the fresh charge  $dM$  on its way from station 1 to the valve and the heat transferred into the contents enclosed in the cylinder during time  $dt$ . It has been shown, however, that unless there is an unusually large temperature difference between the walls of the inlet system and the incoming charge, the effect of heat transfer on either volumetric efficiency or cylinder pressure is small (references 9 and 10). Besides, a reasonably accurate estimate of the magnitude of  $dQ$  is not usually possible. So for practical purposes, the term  $dQ$  is omitted and equation (5) is simplified to

$$C_v d(MT) = C_p T_i dM - p dV \quad (6)$$

From the perfect-gas law

$$pV = (M/m) RT \quad (7)$$

where  $m$  is the molecular mass of the gas (mass per mole of gas;  $M/m$ , number of moles), and  $R$ , the universal gas constant. It is observed that:

$$d(pV) = (R/m) d(MT) \quad (8)$$

From equations (6) and (8) is obtained

$$(mC_v/R) d(pV) = C_p T_i dM - p dV \quad (9)$$

Dividing equation (9) by  $mC_v/R$ , transposing terms, and noting that

$$C_p/C_v = k \quad (10)$$

and

$$R/(mC_v) = k - 1 \quad (11)$$

finally results in

$$d(pV) + (k_i - 1)p dV = (R/m_i)k_i T_i dM \quad (12)$$

the subscript  $i$  being used to denote the intake charge.

On equating the terms of the left-hand side of equation (12) to zero, the familiar equation of the isentropic process is obtained. The difference between the inlet process and the isentropic process is the term of the right-hand side, which represents the energy brought into the cylinder by the fresh charge.

In order to put equation (12) into a mathematically soluble form,  $dM$  must be evaluated in terms of more convenient variables, such as the pressures on both sides of the inlet valve and the effective valve opening area. The flow of the intake charge through the inlet valve, it must be noted, is unsteady, and the hydrodynamic rule governing such flow is Euler's equation (reference 11):

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + w \cdot \text{grad } w = \text{grad } U - \frac{1}{\rho} \text{grad } p \quad (13)$$

where

$w$  velocity field

$U$  gravitational force function

$p$  pressure field

$t$  time

$\rho$  density of the fluid

In the case under consideration where the fluid is a gas, the gravitational force (weight of the gas) may be neglected in the presence of other forces. By concentrating on one particular streamline  $C$  and denoting by  $u$  and  $x$  the velocity and the distance, respectively, along that streamline, the result at that particular instant is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{du}{dx} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (14)$$

Integration along the streamline gives

$$\int_C \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx + \frac{u^2}{2} + \int_C \frac{dp}{\rho} = \text{Constant} \quad (15)$$

For the isentropic relation  $p/\rho^k = \text{Constant}$ , it becomes

$$\int_C \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx + \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{k}{k-1} \frac{p}{\rho} = \text{Constant} \quad (16)$$

which differs from Bernoulli's equation by the first term. Bernoulli's equation, of course, is valid only for steady flow; but in dealing with general hydrodynamic problems in which a gas (not a liquid) is involved, the inertia force due to the unsteadiness of flow is usually small compared with other forces. In the particular case of the flow through an engine valve, this statement will be supported by an example given in appendix B. Therefore, the first term in equation (16) will be dropped, leaving simply

$$\frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{k}{k-1} \frac{p}{\rho} = \text{Constant} \quad (17)$$

from which the velocity through the valve in terms of the upstream and downstream pressures (that is, inlet pressure  $p_i$  and cylinder pressure  $p$ ) is easily computed and the mass rate of flow through the valve is found to be

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = A_1 p_i \sqrt{\frac{2m_1}{RT_i} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \quad (18)$$

where  $A_1$  is the effective inlet-valve opening area (actual valve opening area multiplied by flow coefficient), and  $T_i$ , the absolute inlet temperature. If a dimensionless quantity is further defined

$$F_i = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \quad (19)^1$$

then

$$dM/dt = A_1 p_i F_i \sqrt{2m_1/RT_i} \quad (20)$$

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<sup>1</sup> $F_i$  refers to the flow factor for inward flow, as distinguished from  $F_o$ , the flow factor for outward flow. (See equation (39).)



By going back to equation (12), it is seen that the term on the right-hand side

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{R}{m_1}\right) k_1 T_1 dM &= \left(\frac{R}{m_1}\right) k_1 T_1 (dM/dt) dt \\
 &= \left(\frac{R}{m_1}\right) k_1 T_1 (A_1 p_1 F_1 \sqrt{2m_1/RT_1}) dt \\
 &= k_1 A_1 p_1 F_1 \sqrt{2RT_1/m_1} dt \\
 &= A_1 p_1 F_1 \sqrt{2k_1} \sqrt{k_1 RT_1/m_1} dt \\
 &= \sqrt{2k_1} A_1 p_1 F_1 C_1 dt \quad (21)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1 \equiv \sqrt{k_1 RT_1/m_1}$  is the velocity of sound in the intake mixture.

With an engine running at  $N$  revolutions per unit time, the time  $t$  and the crank angle  $\theta$  are connected by the relation

$$dt = d\theta/360N \quad (22)$$

Combining equations (12), (21), and (22) yields

$$d(pV) + (k_1 - 1)p dV = \sqrt{2k_1} A_1 p_1 F_1 C_1 d\theta/360N \quad (23)$$

Dividing equation (23) through by  $p_1 V_d$ , where  $p_1$  is the inlet pressure and  $V_d$ , the piston displacement, gives

$$d\left(\frac{p}{p_1} \frac{V}{V_d}\right) + (k_1 - 1) \frac{p}{p_1} d\left(\frac{V}{V_d}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2k_1} A_1 F_1 C_1 d\theta}{360NV_d} \quad (24)$$

Noting that the piston displacement  $V_d$  is the product of the piston area  $A_p$  and the stroke  $S$  and also that  $2SN$  represents the mean piston speed  $s$  results in

$$d\left(\frac{p}{p_1} \frac{v}{v_d}\right) + (k_1 - 1) \frac{p}{p_1} d\left(\frac{v}{v_d}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2k_1}}{180} \frac{C_1}{s} \frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1 d\theta = 0 \quad (25)$$

which is the final form of the equation of the inlet process.

All terms in equation (25) are expressed in dimensionless ratios except  $\theta$ , which is in degrees. The constants  $p_1$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $k_1$ , and  $s$  are easily obtainable. Thus, when the relations  $v/v_d$  and  $A_1/A_p$  against  $\theta$  are known, the equation becomes immediately soluble. The relation between the flow factor  $F_1$  and the ratio  $p/p_1$  may be obtained from figure 2(b). As equation (19) shows, the flow factor  $F_1$  is a function both of  $k$  the ratio of specific heats and of the ratio  $p/p_1$ . Fortunately, by defining  $F_1$  as it is, it becomes practically independent of  $k$  for the range  $1.25 < k < 1.40$ , which, incidentally, covers fuel-air mixtures of all fuels and all mixture ratios used in practical operation of internal-combustion engines.

As can be seen from equation (20), with constant upstream conditions, the flow factor is proportional to the mass rate of flow per unit effective valve opening area (mass per unit time per unit area). Thus, the flow factor increases as the pressure ratio  $p/p_1$  decreases, but a critical pressure ratio is soon reached beyond which there is no further increase of flow and the flow factor becomes constant. This is clearly shown in figure 2(b). The critical pressure ratio is a function of  $k$  and is given by

$$\text{Critical pressure ratio} = \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

Unfortunately, equation (25) cannot be solved by ordinary mathematical integration, as the relation between  $A_1/A_p$  and  $\theta$  must, in general, be presented in graphical form and  $F_1$  is not an easily integrable function; but it can be readily solved by means of a differential analyzer, or, more laboriously, by a method of step-by-step calculation.

From equations (20) and (22), it follows that

$$dM = A_1 p_1 F_1 \sqrt{\frac{2m_1}{RT_1}} \frac{d\theta}{360N}$$

Therefore the total mass of fresh charge admitted into the cylinder during the inlet process is

$$M_t = \int_{M_o}^{M_c} dM = \sqrt{\frac{2m_1}{RT_1}} \frac{p_1}{360N} \int_{\theta_o}^{\theta_c} A_1 F_1 d\theta \quad (26)^2$$

where  $\theta_o$  is the crank angle at which the inlet valve opens and  $\theta_c$  the crank angle at which the valve is completely closed;  $M_t$ , of course, is the total mass of air plus fuel, and the mass of air alone is

$$M_a = M_t / (1 + f) \quad (27)$$

where  $f$  is the fuel-air ratio by weight. If the mass of air  $M_a$  taken into the cylinder during the entire intake process is known, the volumetric efficiency of the cylinder can easily be calculated (reference 12).

#### EQUATION OF THE EXHAUST PROCESS

By analogy to the equation of the inlet process, the equation of the exhaust process can be written as follows:

$$d\left(\frac{p}{p_e} \frac{V}{V_d}\right) + (k_e - 1) \frac{p}{p_e} d\left(\frac{V}{V_d}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2k_e}}{180} \frac{C_e}{s} \frac{A_e}{A_p} F_e d\theta = 0 \quad (28)$$

where the symbols have the same meaning as defined before except that here  $p_e$  is the exhaust pressure,  $k_e$  the ratio of specific heats of the exhaust gas,  $C_e$  the velocity of sound in the residual gas,  $A_e$  the effective exhaust-valve opening area, and  $F_e$  the flow factor for outward flow which will be defined later.

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<sup>2</sup>As equation (26) is dimensional, consistent units must be used. One convenient system would be to use  $m_1$  in slugs per mole,  $R$  in ft-lb per mole per  $^{\circ}R$ ,  $T_1$  in  $^{\circ}R$ ,  $p_1$  in lb/sq in.,  $A_1$  in sq in.,  $N$  in rps, and  $\theta$  in degrees.  $M_t$  will then be in slugs.

However, for the sake of completeness and in order to clarify the definition of  $C_e$  and to show the difference between the flow factors  $F_e$  and  $F_1$ , the derivation is repeated.

Referring to figure 1(b), at time  $t$ , the cylinder volume is  $V$ , its pressure,  $p$ , and its absolute temperature,  $T$ . If the cylinder contents are considered as a perfect gas, its mass is  $M = (m/R)(pV/T)$  and its internal energy is  $E = MC_vT$  where  $C_v$  is the mean specific heat at constant volume of the cylinder contents.

$$E = MC_vT = (m/R)(pV/T)C_vT = (mC_v/R)(pV) \quad (29)$$

After an infinitesimal length of time  $dt$ , the time is  $t + dt$ , the cylinder volume  $V + dV$ , the pressure  $p + dp$ , and the absolute temperature  $T + dT$ . The mass of the cylinder contents becomes  $M + dM$  and its internal energy

$$E + dE = (M + dM)C_v(T + dT) \quad (30)$$

The term  $C_v$  is assumed to be constant during this change. Again using the perfect-gas law, equation (30) may be written

$$\begin{aligned} E + dE &= (M + dM)C_v(T + dT) \\ &= \frac{m(p + dp)(V + dV)}{R(T + dT)} C_v(T + dT) \\ &= (mC_v/R)(p + dp)(V + dV) \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Subtracting equation (29) from equation (31) and neglecting infinitesimal of the second order leaves

$$dE = (mC_v/R)(p dV + V dp) = (mC_v/R) d(pV) \quad (32)$$

This change of internal energy in the cylinder during time  $dt$  is caused by two things: (1) work is done by the piston on the cylinder

contents and (2) energy is discharged through the exhaust valve by the outgoing gas. Any heat exchange between the cylinder contents and their surroundings will be neglected as in the case of the inlet process.

The energy carried out by a unit mass of gas flowing through the exhaust valve is equal to its internal energy plus the flow work. In other words it is equal to the enthalpy, which in turn, for a perfect gas, is equal to  $C_p T$ , where  $C_p$  is the specific heat at constant pressure. Therefore, from the First Law of Thermodynamics,

$$dE = (mC_v/R) d(pV) = -C_p T dM - p dV \quad (33)$$

$dM$  being the mass of gas flowing out through the exhaust valve during time  $dt$ . Dividing equation (33) through by  $mC_v/R$  and remembering that  $C_p/C_v = k_e$ ,  $C_p - C_v = R/m$ , and  $R/(mC_v) = k_e - 1$  yields

$$d(pV) + (k_e - 1)p dV = -(R/m_e)k_e T dM \quad (34)$$

Now  $dM = (dM/dt) dt$ ,  $dt = d\theta/360N$ , and

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = A_e p \sqrt{\frac{2m_e}{RT} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \quad (35)$$

(This equation usually appears in textbooks on fluid mechanics or thermodynamics. See, for example, reference 13, p. 317, equation 160.)

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (R/m_e)k_e T dM &= (R/m_e)k_e T (dM/dt) dt \\ &= \frac{R}{m_e} k_e T A_e p \sqrt{\frac{2m_e}{RT} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \frac{d\theta}{360N} \\ &= k_e A_e p_e \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{m_e} \frac{k}{k-1} \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^2 \left[ \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \frac{d\theta}{360N} \quad (36) \end{aligned}$$

The temperature of the cylinder contents  $T$  in expression (36) is inconvenient to handle, since it varies during the exhaust process as the cylinder pressure falls. For this reason a temperature  $T_r$ , defined by the following equation, will be introduced:

$$\frac{T}{T_r} = \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \quad (37)$$

That is,  $T_r$  would be the temperature of the cylinder contents if they had expanded isentropically from the pressure  $p$  and temperature  $T$  to the exhaust pressure  $p_e$ ;  $T_r$  will hence be called the ideal residual-gas temperature. Since the expansion of the gases inside the cylinder during the exhaust process is very nearly isentropic,  $T_r$  in practice could be regarded as fixed for a given exhaust process. It should be noted that  $T_r$  is different from the exhaust temperature in its usual sense, because exhaust temperature is ordinarily measured in the exhaust pipe or the exhaust receiver. The exhaust temperature is the average temperature of many portions of exhaust gases that come out from the exhaust valve at various times; whereas the ideal residual-gas temperature is the temperature of the residual gas after it has expanded isentropically to a certain well-defined pressure. The flow of gases through the valve is an irreversible process, and since flow work is done upon the exhaust gas by the gas remaining in the cylinder, the exhaust temperature in its usual sense is, in general, higher than  $T_r$  unless there is considerable cooling of the exhaust system.

In actual application,  $T_r$  can be calculated from the air capacity and the cylinder pressure at some point during the expansion stroke before the opening of the exhaust valve. This pressure can be obtained from the heavy-spring indicator diagram if such is available. Otherwise,  $T_r$  can still be calculated, but less accurately, by an analysis of the fuel-air cycle (reference 12).

Putting equation (37) into equation (36) and simplifying gives

$$(R/m_e)k_e T \, dM = \frac{\sqrt{2k_e} \sqrt{k_e R T_r / m_e} A_e p_e}{360N} \sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^{\frac{3k-3}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^{\frac{2k-2}{k}} \right]} d\theta \quad (38)$$

Denoting  $\sqrt{k_e RT_r/m_e}$  by  $C_e$ , which is the velocity of sound in the ideal residual gas, and defining

$$F_e = -\sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left(\frac{p}{p_e}\right)^{\frac{3k-3}{k}} - \left(\frac{p}{p_e}\right)^{\frac{2k-2}{k}} \right]} \quad (39)$$

finally gives

$$-(R/m_e)k_e T \, dM = \frac{\sqrt{2k_e} A_e p_e C_e F_e \, d\theta}{360N} \quad (40)$$

By combining equations (34) and (40), dividing the resultant equation through by  $p_e V_d$ , and using the relations  $V_d = A_p S$  and  $2SN = s$ , as was done in the analysis of the inlet process, equation (28) is again obtained.

$$d \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \frac{V}{V_d} \right) + (k_e - 1) \frac{p}{p_e} d \left( \frac{V}{V_d} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{2k_e} C_e A_e}{180 s \frac{A_e}{A_p}} F_e \, d\theta = 0 \quad (28)$$

Equation (28), the equation of the exhaust process, is similar in appearance to equation (25), the equation of the inlet process. It can, of course, also be solved by means of a differential analyzer or by a method of step-by-step calculation.

The most important difference between the equation of the inlet process and the equation of the exhaust process lies in the flow factor  $F$  about which the following may be noted:

(1) Theoretically, equation (35) is valid only for steady flow. The flow through the exhaust valve, like the flow through the inlet valve, is unsteady. So, to be theoretically rigorous, it is necessary to derive from Euler's equation another expression for the mass rate of flow instead of equation (35), which is based on Bernoulli's equation. Since the effect of unsteadiness of the flow of gases through engine valves is negligible, the equation for steady flow has been used here for the sake of simplicity.

(2) Although the form of the flow factor for outward flow (equation (39)) is quite similar to that of the flow factor for inward flow (equation (19)) their physical meanings are different. The flow factor for inward flow  $F_i$  is proportional to the mass rate of flow per unit area or the mass velocity; whereas according to equation (40) and the relation  $d\theta/360N = dt$

$$\dot{F}_e = - \sqrt{\frac{k_e}{2}} \frac{R}{m_e} \frac{1}{p_e C_e} T \left( \frac{1}{A_e} \frac{dM}{dt} \right) \quad (41)$$

where the quantities  $R$ ,  $k_e$ ,  $m_e$ ,  $p_e$ , and  $C_e$  are constants for a given exhaust process and therefore  $F_e$  is proportional to the product of the absolute temperature of the cylinder contents  $T$  and the mass velocity through the exhaust valve  $(1/A_e)(dM/dt)$ . In other words,  $F_e$  is a measure of the rate of decrease of energy content in the cylinder per unit of effective valve opening area.

(3) The flow factor for outward flow is plotted against  $p/p_m$  for different values of  $k$  ranging from 1.20 to 1.40 in figure 2. This flow factor is applicable whenever the flow is outward either in the inlet process or in the exhaust process, that is, whenever gases flow out from the cylinder into the inlet port or the exhaust port. In the former case the flow factor is a function of  $p/p_i$ , whereas in the latter case it is a function of  $p/p_e$ . Therefore the symbol  $p_m$  is used to represent either  $p_i$  or  $p_e$ .

(4) For actual calculation of the inlet or exhaust process the flow factors are plotted in such a way (fig. 2) that the calculator automatically distinguishes between the flow factor for inward flow and the flow factor for outward flow. When  $p/p_m$  is less than unity, the flow factor is plotted for inward flow, and when  $p/p_m$  is greater than unity the flow factor for outward flow is plotted.

(5) For inward flow at a given inlet pressure  $p_i$ , the maximum mass velocity (mass of fluid per unit time per unit valve opening area) is limited by the critical pressure ratio beyond which it ceases to increase and the flow factor  $F$  becomes constant. (See fig. 2(b).) The case of outward flow is different. During the exhaust process, at a given exhaust pressure  $p_e$ , the mass velocity could increase indefinitely if the upstream pressure (that is, the cylinder pressure  $p$ ) were increased indefinitely, as will be explained further in appendix C.



(6) As can be seen from equation (39) and figure 2, the flow factor for outward flow is always negative and for inward flow it is always positive. Thus in actual numerical calculations where backflow<sup>3</sup> or valve overlap is involved, no confusion is possible as to the sign of  $F$ .

#### GENERAL EQUATION OF THE INLET AND EXHAUST PROCESSES

Equation (25), the equation of the inlet process, is applicable when only the inlet valve is open and equation (28), the equation of the exhaust process, is applicable when only the exhaust valve is open. For modern high-speed internal-combustion engines, there is always valve overlap to a greater or lesser extent. During the period when both the inlet and the exhaust valves are open, it follows from the same reasoning as used in the previous derivations that

$$d(pV) + (k - 1)p dV = (R/m_i)k_i T_i dM_i - (R/m_e)k_e T dM_e \quad (42)$$

where  $dM_i$  is the mass of fluid flowing through the inlet valve and  $dM_e$  is the mass of fluid flowing through the exhaust valve, during the time interval  $dt$ . Both  $dM_i$  and  $dM_e$  may be either positive or negative, depending on whether the flow is a normal one or a backflow. It is true that when  $dM_i$  is negative  $(k_i/m_i)T_i$  should be replaced by  $(k/m)T$ , where the subscript  $i$  refers to the intake charge and the quantities without subscripts refer to the cylinder contents; when  $dM_e$  is negative  $T$  should be replaced by  $T_e$ , the exhaust temperature. If this were done, however, the actual calculation would be unduly complicated and lengthy. Besides, during the overlap period,  $T$  and  $T_e$  are as a rule not very different. Thus, by using equation (41), inaccuracy should be expected only when  $p_i$  is much lower than  $p_e$  (severely throttled operation), the valve overlap period is long, and the engine speed is very low, as the combination of these three conditions contributes to serious backflow through the inlet valve.

Another question arises as to whether  $k_i$  or  $k_e$  should be used in conjunction with the  $p dV$  term, where  $k$  is the ratio of specific heats of the cylinder contents and strictly speaking a variable depending on the composition and the temperature of the cylinder contents. A study in regard

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<sup>3</sup>The term "backflow" is used here to describe the type of flow the direction of which is opposite to the normal one. Thus, during the inlet process, if gases flow out of the cylinder into the inlet port, it is a backflow; whereas during the exhaust process, if gases flow back from the exhaust port into the cylinder, it is a backflow.

to the effect of variations in  $k$  was made, and it was decided that such refinement is unnecessary for practical purposes. Thus, for the inlet process, even with valve overlap,  $k_i$  will be used; and for the exhaust process,  $k_e$  will be used.

Now if equation (42) is treated mathematically in the same way as the equations of the inlet and exhaust processes, there is obtained

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(\frac{p}{p_i} \frac{V}{V_d}\right) + (k_i - 1) \frac{p}{p_i} d\left(\frac{V}{V_d}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2k_i}}{180} \frac{C_i}{s} \frac{A_i}{A_p} F_i d\theta \\ - \frac{\sqrt{2k_e}}{180} \frac{p_e}{p_i} \frac{C_e}{s} \frac{A_e}{A_p} F_e d\theta = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

which is applicable to the inlet process during the overlap period.

Equations (25), (28), and (43) have the same general form and may be represented by the following general equation:

$$d\left(\frac{p}{p_m} \frac{V}{V_d}\right) + A \frac{p}{p_m} d\left(\frac{V}{V_d}\right) - B \frac{A_i}{A_p} F_i d\theta - C \frac{A_e}{A_p} F_e d\theta = 0 \quad (44)$$

where

$p$  cylinder pressure

$p_m$  either inlet pressure  $p_i$  or exhaust pressure  $p_e$

$V$  cylinder volume

$V_d$  piston displacement volume

$\theta$  crank angle, degrees

$A_i$  effective inlet-valve opening area

$A_e$  effective exhaust-valve opening area

$F_i$  flow factor for inlet valve, a function<sup>4</sup> of  $p/p_i$   
 $F_e$  flow factor for exhaust valve, a function<sup>4</sup> of  $p/p_e$   
 $A, B, C$  constants which are defined in the following table

	Inlet process	Exhaust process	Inlet process, including over- lap period
$p_m =$	$p_i$	$p_e$	$p_i$
$A =$	$k_i - 1$	$k_e - 1$	$k_i - 1$
$B =$	$\frac{\sqrt{2k_i} C_i}{180 s}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2k_i} C_i}{180 s}$
$C =$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{2k_e} C_e}{180 s}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2k_e} p_e C_e}{180 p_i s}$

Equation (44) is the general equation of the inlet and exhaust processes. It is convenient to use when many inlet processes, with or without valve overlap, and exhaust processes are to be solved. It is especially convenient when the solutions are to be obtained on a differential analyzer, since only one setup of the connections on the analyzer is necessary for all cases, with changes only in the constants and in the numerical ranges of the different quantities.

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<sup>4</sup>The function is represented by the curves in figure 2. Note that the meanings of  $F_i$  and  $F_e$  here are slightly different from those in footnote 1. The old definitions were made for the sake of clarity in the derivation of the equations. In actual application, since the flow through both the inlet and the exhaust valves may be either inward or outward, it is much more convenient to identify the flow factors with the valves rather than with the directions of flow. Thus for the inlet valve,  $F_i$  is a function of  $p/p_i$ ; whereas for the exhaust valve,  $F_e$  is a function of  $p/p_e$ . Thus both  $F_i$  and  $F_e$  are plus when the flow is inward and minus when the flow is outward.

## NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS - INDICATOR

## DIAGRAMS AND VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCIES

In order to solve equation (44), it is necessary to know the conditions at the starting point, the pressure  $p_m$ , the constants  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , and the relations of  $V/V_d$ ,  $A_1/A_p$ , and  $A_e/A_p$  against  $\theta$ . These factors will be discussed as follows.

Initial conditions.— Integration of equation (44) may be started at any point during the inlet or exhaust process, but it is convenient to start the inlet process at the point of inlet-valve opening and the exhaust process at the point of exhaust-valve opening. Let the crank angle at such a point be designated by  $\theta_0$ . Then the cylinder volume  $V_0$  corresponding to  $\theta_0$  can be easily determined from the geometry of the engine. The initial cylinder pressure  $p_0$  for the exhaust process can be estimated by an analysis of the fuel-air cycle starting with an assumed volumetric efficiency. Judgment is to be used in this respect because the actual pressure is likely to be lower than the fuel-air cycle pressure.

The initial cylinder pressure for the inlet process can be obtained from the solution of the corresponding exhaust process, but when an inlet process is to be solved alone without solving the corresponding exhaust process,  $p_0$  may be taken as equal to the exhaust pressure  $p_e$  for low-to-medium engine speed with adequate exhaust-valve size and adequate exhaust-valve opening duration. For medium-to-high engine speed with small exhaust-valve size or with short exhaust-valve opening duration,  $p_0$  may be as high as 3 pounds per square inch above  $p_e$ . In some exceptional cases where high engine speed, short exhaust-valve opening duration, large  $A_1/A_e$  ratio, and large  $p_1/p_e$  ratio are combined, the blow-down of exhaust gases (during which the cylinder pressure drops very rapidly) may never be complete and  $p_0$  of the inlet process may be much higher than  $p_e$ . In such cases  $p_0$  is best obtained by solving the exhaust process preceding the inlet process.

It will be shown later that any reasonable error in estimating  $p_0$ , either of the inlet or of the exhaust process, has no appreciable effect on pressures at the end of the process or on volumetric efficiency. Thus it is not necessary to repeat any solutions unless the estimate of  $p_0$  is very far off.

Pressure  $p_m$ .— This pressure is equal to the inlet pressure  $p_i$  for the inlet process and to the exhaust pressure  $p_e$  for the exhaust process (see preceding table).

Constant A.— This constant is equal to  $k_i - 1$  for the inlet process and  $k_e - 1$  for the exhaust process. A curve of  $k_i$  against percentage of theoretical fuel (gasoline) is shown in figure 3;  $k_e$ , unfortunately, cannot be determined so easily and accurately as  $k_i$ . In most cases, however, a value of 1.25 for  $k_e$  is adequate. In a study where  $k_e$  is changed from 1.25 to 1.30 and the same solution repeated, it was found that the difference caused by this change is very small (reference 9).

Constant B.— This constant is equal to  $(\sqrt{2k_i}/180)(C_i/s)$  for the inlet process. It vanishes for the exhaust process.

The quantity  $k_i$  can be read from figure 3;  $s$  is the mean piston speed of the engine at which the solution is desired;  $C_i$  is the velocity of sound in the intake mixture and is equal to  $\sqrt{k_i R T_i / m_i}$  where  $R$  is the universal gas constant,  $m_i$  the molecular mass of the intake mixture, and  $T_i$  the absolute inlet temperature. The terms  $C_i$  and  $s$ , of course, should be in the same units.

Constant C.— This constant is equal to  $(\sqrt{2k_e}/180)(C_e/s)$  for the exhaust process or  $(\sqrt{2k_e}/180)(p_e/p_i)(C_e/s)$  for the overlap period of the inlet process. It vanishes during the main part of the inlet process when only the inlet valve is open.

As before,  $k_e$  may be taken equal to 1.25. The inlet pressure  $p_i$ , exhaust pressure  $p_e$ , and piston speed  $s$  are known quantities for a given solution. The velocity of sound in the ideal residual gas  $C_e$  is equal to  $\sqrt{k_e R T_r / m_e}$ , where  $R$  is the universal gas constant,  $m_e$  the molecular mass of the exhaust gas, and  $T_r$  the ideal residual-gas temperature.

The quantity  $T_r$  is obtained as follows: If the actual indicator diagram is available, the cylinder pressure at some point during the expansion stroke before the exhaust valve opens may be measured from the

diagram. With a knowledge of the air consumption per stroke of the cylinder and the cylinder volume at the point where the pressure is measured, the corresponding temperature may be obtained from a suitable thermodynamic chart for combustion products (references 1 and 12). Then expansion along a constant-entropy line to the exhaust pressure  $p_e$  gives  $T_r$ . If there is no actual indicator diagram to begin with, as is very often the case,  $T_r$  could be estimated by analyzing the fuel-air cycle (references 1 and 12) in which the volumetric efficiency has to be assumed. An engineer experienced in internal-combustion-engine cycles, however, can estimate  $T_r$  pretty accurately without going through the entire fuel-air cycle.

As  $C_e$  is proportional to the square root of  $T_r$  a small percentage error in  $T_r$  will be approximately halved in the constant  $C_e$ .

$V/V_d$  against  $\theta$ .—For ordinary engines in which the crank-connecting-rod mechanism is used, the ratio of cylinder volume to displacement volume at any crank angle can always be closely approximated by the following relation

$$V/V_d = a - (1/2) \cos \theta - b \cos 2\theta \quad (45)$$

where

$$a = \frac{1}{r-1} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{R}{L} \right) + \frac{3}{64} \left( \frac{R}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{5}{256} \left( \frac{R}{L} \right)^5 + \dots \right]$$

$$b = \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{R}{L} \right) + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{R}{L} \right)^3 + \frac{15}{1024} \left( \frac{R}{L} \right)^5 + \dots$$

$r$  compression ratio

$R$  crank radius

$L$  length of connecting rod

$\theta$  crank angle

The constants  $a$  and  $b$  converge very quickly, as the ratio  $R/L$  is usually small.

$A_1/A_p$  against  $\theta$ .— Here  $A_1$  is the effective inlet-valve opening area and is equal to the actual valve opening area multiplied by the flow coefficient. The flow coefficients at various valve lifts are obtained by means of a model test under steady-flow conditions with a small pressure drop (say 10 in. of alcohol) across the valve. The flow coefficients are calculated from the test data according to the procedures in reference 14 and the flow-test apparatus used for determining the flow coefficients in this report is described in references 15 and 16.

The use of steady-flow coefficients is allowable because the effect due to the unsteadiness of flow through the valves is neglected anyway.

$A_e/A_p$  against  $\theta$ .— This ratio is obtained in the same way as in the preceding case.

In reference 9 several inlet and exhaust processes of two different engines<sup>5</sup> are solved and the calculated and experimental results agree well. In the present report, a large number of solutions covering three different engines and a wide range of the different variables, as outlined in the INTRODUCTION, will be recorded.

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<sup>5</sup>These engines were a CFR engine and an experimental engine consisting of a Cyclone G-200 cylinder mounted on a universal test crankcase. Both engines were tested at the Sloan Laboratories, M.I.T.

## Data for Solutions

CFR engine

Bore, in. . . . . 3.25  
 Stroke, in. . . . . 4.50  
 Compression ratio . . . . . 4.92

Crank radius  
Length of connecting rod . . . . . 0.225

$$\frac{V}{V_d} = 0.7835 - 0.5000 \cos \theta - 0.0285 \cos 2\theta$$

Inlet valve: Two combinations - large valve with large lift, and small valve with small lift

Large-valve diameter, in. . . . . 1.050  
 Large lift, in. . . . . 0.262  
 Small-valve diameter, in. . . . . 0.830  
 Small lift, in. . . . . 0.208

Exhaust valve

Diameter, in. . . . . 1.344  
 Maximum lift, in. . . . . 0.277

Valve timing: 7 different timings. (See fig. 4.)

Inlet and exhaust pressures: Four combinations.

$P_i$ (in. Hg abs.)	$P_e$ (in. Hg abs.)	$P_i/P_e$
20	40	0.5
30	30	1
40	20	2
40	10	4

Inlet temperature,  $T_1$ , °R . . . . . 580

Fuel-air ratio . . . . . 0.078

CFR engine tests were made at the Sloan Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and reported in reference 16, except for the series where  $P_i/P_e = 0.5$ . This reference also gives a detailed description of the test setup.



The data for the CFR engine solutions in this report were prepared before the tests were started and the theoretical and experimental results were obtained independently of each other.

### Inlet-exhaust engine

Engine: Pratt & Whitney Wasp, Jr., cylinder (R-985) mounted on a special crankcase

Bore, in. . . . .  $5\frac{3}{16}$

Stroke, in. . . . .  $5\frac{1}{2}$

Compression ratio . . . . . 5.5

Crank radius  
Length of connecting rod . . . . . 0.2562

$$\frac{V}{V_d} = 0.7546 - 0.5000 \cos \theta - 0.0325 \cos 2\theta$$

Inlet- and exhaust-valve sizes, lifts and timing: (See table I.)

Inlet pressure,  $p_i$ , in. Hg abs. . . . . 33

Exhaust pressure,  $p_e$ , in. Hg abs. . . . . 33

Inlet temperature,  $T_i$ , °R . . . . . 580

Fuel-air ratio . . . . . 0.075

This engine was used at the Sloan Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a study of the effect of changing the ratio of exhaust-valve flow capacity<sup>6</sup> to inlet-valve flow capacity on volumetric efficiency and power output. Hence it will be referred to in this report as the inlet-exhaust engine. A description of the test setup and the test results are given in reference 17.

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<sup>6</sup>Flow capacity is defined as the product of the square of the valve diameter and the average flow coefficient over the entire valve-opening period.

Bore-stroke engine

Engine: Liquid-cooled Lycoming cylinder mounted on a heavy crankcase

Bore, in. . . . . 5.25  
 Stroke, in. . . . . 4.25, 5.25, and 6.25  
 Compression ratio . . . . . 6.0

Crank radius . . . . . 0.25  
Length of connecting rod . . . . . 0.25

$$\frac{V}{V_d} = 0.7316 - 0.5000 \cos \theta - 0.0318 \cos 2\theta$$

Inlet- and exhaust-valve data: (See figs. 5 and 6.)

Inlet pressure,  $p_i$ , in. Hg abs. . . . . 27.4, 40, and 50

Exhaust pressure,  $p_e$ , in. Hg abs. . . . . 31.4

Inlet temperature,  $T_i$ , °R . . . . . 580

Fuel-air ratio . . . . . 0.075

This engine was used at the Sloan Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a study of the effect of changing the bore-stroke ratio on air capacity, power output, and detonation. Hence, it will be referred to in this report as the bore-stroke engine. A description of the test setup and the test results are given in reference 18.

A list of the initial conditions, constants, and curve numbers for  $A_i/A_p$  against  $\theta$  and  $A_e/A_p$  against  $\theta$  for all solutions is given in table II.

## Calculations

Most of the solutions, for which the data are listed in table II, were obtained by means of the electrical differential analyzer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, although about one-third of them were solved by a method of step-by-step calculation. Eight solutions were made by both methods, and the results are substantially identical.

## Results

The results are presented in table III and figure 7, which compare the calculated and measured volumetric efficiencies; and table IV, which compares the calculated and measured indicator diagrams.

Other volumetric-efficiency curves are plotted in figures 8 to 12 and indicator diagrams are plotted in figures 13 to 47.

## DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

During the inlet process, the cylinder contents change from pure residual gas at the beginning of the process to a mixture of residual gas and increasing quantities of fresh charge. The cylinder temperature decreases as more and more fresh charge is admitted. Therefore the value  $k$  (ratio of specific heats) of the cylinder contents changes accordingly. Solutions 1 to 6 were made to study the effect of changing  $k$ . For residual gas at 2500° R,  $k$  is about 1.270, whereas for a gasoline-air mixture with a fuel-air ratio of 0.078  $k$  is 1.346 according to figure 3. In solutions 1 to 6 four different values of  $k$  ranging from 1.270 to 1.346 and two engine speeds (2000 and 3600 rpm) were used. The corresponding test data on a CFR engine were taken from reference 15. A comparison of the calculated and measured volumetric efficiencies and indicator diagrams showed that the two low values of  $k$  did not give satisfactory agreement, as expected; whereas the two high values of  $k$  gave about equally good agreement, with the value 1.346 being slightly superior. Therefore it was decided that for all the subsequent solutions,  $k_1$  would be taken as 1.346 for a gasoline-air ratio of 0.078; and for other fuel-air ratios,  $k_1$  would be read directly from figure 3.

Since the possibility always exists that the estimated initial pressure  $p_0$  may be in error, a study was made to determine the effect of varying  $p_0$  on the solution as a whole. Five exhaust solutions (solutions 39 to 43) and four inlet solutions (solutions 44 to 47) were made with  $p_0$  as the only variable. The results are plotted in figures 9, 13, and 14. It can be seen that wide variations in  $p_0$  affect the cylinder pressures only during the initial period of the solution, and cylinder pressures during most of the process (either inlet or exhaust) are not affected at all. Figure 9 shows that high  $p_0$  results in lower calculated volumetric efficiency, but the effect is very small. It is therefore concluded that any ordinary inaccuracy in estimating  $p_0$  is unimportant.

From equation (44) and the definition of the constants,  $B$  and  $C$ , it may be noted that for the inlet process the effect of decreasing the piston speed  $s$  is the same as that of increasing the velocity of sound  $C_1$  (which is proportional to the square root of the inlet temperature  $T_1$ ) or as that of increasing the size of the inlet valve relative to the piston. For the exhaust process, the effect of decreasing  $s$  is the same as that of increasing  $C_e$  (which is proportional to the square root of the ideal residual-gas temperature  $T_r$ ) or as that of increasing the relative size of the exhaust valve to the piston.

Therefore, these three variables ( $1/s$ ,  $\sqrt{T_1}$  or  $\sqrt{T_r}$ ,  $A_1/A_p$  or  $A_e/A_p$ ) need not be studied separately, as the effect of varying one is the same as that of varying either of the other two variables. In solutions 48 to 52, inclusive, the constant B was varied. The results are plotted in figure 8. Although the abscissa of figure 8 is labeled engine speed, it can be easily translated into an inlet-temperature scale or a valve-size scale.

In solutions 53 to 57 the exhaust pressure  $p_e$  is kept constant at 15 pounds per square inch absolute and the inlet pressure  $p_1$  is varied. The calculated volumetric efficiencies are plotted in figure 10. In solutions 58 to 61  $p_1$  is held constant at 15 pounds per square inch absolute and  $p_e$  is varied. The calculated volumetric efficiencies are plotted in figure 11. The results in figures 10 and 11 are further combined and plotted against  $p_1/p_e$  in figure 12(a) and against  $p_e/p_1$  in figure 12(b). The fact that the points fall on a smooth curve indicates that volumetric efficiency is a function of the ratio  $p_1/p_e$ , regardless of the individual level of either  $p_1$  or  $p_e$ . Figure 12 also contains curves representing the equation

$$e_v = 1 + \frac{1 - (p_e/p_1)}{k_1(r - 1)} \quad (46)$$

where  $r$  is the compression ratio of the cylinder. This equation, suggested by Prof. Edward S. Taylor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (reference 16), is based on the assumptions that valve events occur at dead centers and that the cylinder pressure is equal to  $p_1$  during the entire inlet process and equal to  $p_e$  during the entire exhaust process. It gives results approximating fairly well those from the more exact theory and is convenient to use when a quick estimate of the ratio of volumetric efficiencies at two different  $p_1/p_e$  ratios is desired.

In figure 12 are also shown a few experimental points which were obtained on the CFR engine at 2500 rpm with cam 2, large valve and large lift. The inlet and exhaust pressures were:

$p_1$ (in. Hg abs.)	$p_e$ (in. Hg abs.)	$p_1/p_e$	$p_e/p_1$
30	30	1	1
40	20	2	.5
40	10	4	.25

Although these points are not sufficient to give an over-all comparison with the curves in figure 12, it may at least be added that the shape of the theoretical curves is typical of those obtained in actual engine operations where the  $p_1/p_e$  ratio is varied.

Some inlet-process solutions were made wherein the effect of valve overlap was arbitrarily omitted, that is, the exhaust valve was arbitrarily assumed to shut abruptly and completely at the point of inlet-valve opening. (See figs. 17, 22, and 24 to 26.) The purpose was to determine the effects caused by valve overlap and to ascertain under what circumstances the calculation might be simplified by neglecting valve overlap without introducing appreciable error. The calculated indicator diagrams (dashed curves) in figures 17, 22, and 24 to 26, however, show that by neglecting valve overlap, the cylinder pressures are seriously in error during the overlap period. The calculated volumetric efficiencies are also inaccurate when the effect of overlap is omitted. It is therefore recommended that valve overlap should be considered in calculations unless the overlap period is very short (such as cams 4, 5, and 6 in fig. 4).

In table III and figure 7, an over-all comparison of the calculated and measured volumetric efficiencies is shown. Another comparison of volumetric efficiencies is shown in figures 8 and 28 to 31. In figure 7, the solid line is a  $45^\circ$  line, whereas the dashed line represents theory 5 percent higher than measurement. The dashed line seems to be more representative of all the points than the solid line, although there are a few points too far below the line and a few too far above the line. The former group consists of solutions 9 and 16, which are both for a  $p_1/p_e$  ratio of 0.5, valve overlap of  $60^\circ$ , and piston speed of 1500 feet per minute on the CFR engine. These conditions cause considerable backflow through the inlet valve during the overlap period, and therefore inaccuracy in the theoretical volumetric efficiencies is to be expected. Solutions 27, 28, 30, and 31 are also for  $p_1/p_e = 0.5$  and an even greater valve-overlap period of  $90^\circ$ . The calculated volumetric efficiencies are negative for solutions 28 and 30, 0.246 for solution 27, and 0.366 for solution 31. The CFR engine would not operate under these conditions and therefore for these four solutions no points were plotted in figure 7. In the other group of points are solutions 11, 12, and 29. These are all for a high  $p_1/p_e$  ratio (4) and a low piston speed (375 ft/min) on the CFR engine. The overlap period is  $60^\circ$  for solutions 11 and 12 and  $90^\circ$  for solution 29. Under these circumstances, during the overlap period some of the fresh charge which comes in through the inlet valve immediately goes out through the exhaust valve, carrying some residual gas with it. This process may be called "short-circuiting." In equation (42), the temperature of the cylinder contents  $T$  is defined by equation (37), but during the period of short-circuit flow, this definition of  $T$  evidently is no longer true. Inaccuracy in the calculated volumetric efficiency is therefore encountered when high  $p_1/p_e$  ratio,

long valve-overlap period, and low engine speed are combined to cause serious short-circuit flow. It may be pointed out that high  $p_1/p_e$  ratio alone does not necessarily lead to poor agreement between calculated and measured volumetric efficiencies. Thus solutions 10, 22, and 23 are also for a  $p_1/p_e$  ratio of 4. In solution 10, although the valve-overlap period is  $60^\circ$ , the relatively high piston speed (1500 ft/min) prevents much short-circuiting. Although the piston speed is only 375 feet per minute, the valve-overlap period for solutions 22 and 23 is very short ( $6^\circ$ ) and prevents much short-circuiting. Thus, the agreement between calculated and measured volumetric efficiencies for solutions 10, 22, and 23 is much better than for solutions 11, 12, and 29.

On the whole, it appears that the calculated volumetric efficiency averages 5 percent higher than the measured value, although there are a few cases for which the calculated values are lower. This discrepancy is believed to be the combined result of several approximations used in the theory, such as (1) the approximations involved during the short-circuiting and backflow periods, (2) neglecting the acceleration of the gas columns ahead of the valves (first term of equation (16)), (3) the fact that the flow coefficients for the valves were obtained under steady-flow conditions with very small pressure drop across the valves, whereas under actual operating conditions the flow is unsteady and the pressure drop is sometimes much larger than that used in obtaining the flow coefficients, (4) inaccuracies in the estimation of the initial pressure  $p_0$  and the ideal residual-gas temperature  $T_r$ , (5) the assumption that the ratio of specific heats  $k$  of the cylinder contents is constant during the inlet process, and (6) the effect of heat transfer during the inlet process. The effect of heat transfer, although small, may make itself felt in the calculated volumetric efficiencies of some of the solutions in which the piston speed is very low. It is believed that none of these approximations alone could possibly cause an error of 5 percent, but the combination of some or all of them conceivably might.

The degree of agreement between calculated and measured indicator diagrams is given in table IV. For most diagrams the agreement is good, for some it is good except for an apparent shift in the point of zero pressure, and for the others it is not so good. Representative diagrams in each class are reproduced in figures 15 to 27 and 32 to 47.

In general, the agreement between actual and theoretical indicator diagrams of the exhaust processes is excellent and much better than for the inlet processes because (1) the initial pressure  $p_0$  for the exhaust processes was always measured from the experimental indicator diagrams and the ideal residual-gas temperature  $T_r$  was obtained from the experimental diagrams (by a method outlined under NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS, Constant C), (2) for most exhaust processes there is no back-flow and even when there is, it occurs at the very end of the process

and therefore the main part of the solution is not affected, and (3) the ordinate scale of the exhaust diagrams in pressure units (lb/sq in.) per inch is much larger than that of the inlet diagrams; hence any difference between calculated and measured pressures is not so conspicuous as in the inlet diagrams.

Many diagrams would be in close agreement were it not for an approximately constant difference between the calculated and measured pressures. This difference is attributed to a zero shift in the atmospheric line of the experimental indicator diagrams. The experimental diagrams were taken with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology balanced-pressure, point-by-point indicator (reference 8) which users at Sloan Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, believe sometimes gives inaccurate atmospheric lines. This belief is further substantiated by the diagrams for solutions 77 and 82.1 (figs. 23 and 25, respectively) in both of which the measured cylinder pressure during the inlet process is always higher than the inlet pressure  $p_i$ , which is physically impossible. In the diagram for solution 16 (fig. 16), the starting point  $p_o$  of the measured curve is lower than  $p_e$ . This is also impossible since on the CFR engine there is no evidence of pressure oscillation in the inlet and exhaust pipes and hence the cylinder pressure at the point of inlet-valve opening could not be lower than the exhaust pressure  $p_e$ . It is therefore probable that this type of error (constant difference between calculated and measured pressures) lies in the measured rather than in the calculated diagram. The exhaust diagrams are measured partly from the heavy-spring experimental indicator diagram and partly from the light-spring diagram. Thus, in the diagram for solution 63 (fig. 21), it appears that the light-spring part has a zero shift.

Two measured diagrams obtained on two different dates but presumably under the same operating conditions are shown in figure 15 (solution 11). It can be seen that the difference between the two measured diagrams is as much as that between the theoretical and measured diagrams.

A few diagrams have a discontinuity in the measured curve. (See fig. 16.) This obviously should not happen and its existence must be due to some imperfection in the functioning of the indicator.

In some of the inlet-process diagrams the estimated initial pressure  $p_o$  is too low (figs. 17 and 19). The worst cases in this category are solutions 17 and 35, which are both for large inlet valve with large lift,  $p_i/p_e = 2$ , and high engine speed. It is believed that when the inlet valve opens under these conditions the cylinder pressure is considerably above  $p_e$  because of the comparatively large mass of gases inside the cylinder when the exhaust valve opens and because of the

comparatively short time during which the exhaust valve remains open. The mass is large because the inlet valve and lift are large and  $p_1$  is high; and the time is short because the engine speed is high. It is regrettable that this fact was not foreseen when the data were being prepared for solution. It became apparent only when the results were known. It is recommended that for solutions of this nature,  $p_0$  be obtained by a complete analysis of the corresponding exhaust processes.

In another category the poor agreement between the calculated and measured diagrams is believed to be due to the combination of low estimated  $p_0$  and a zero shift of the atmospheric line in the measured diagram. This fact is evident from the shape of the curves in figures 18 and 20.

In the case of the bore-stroke engine, the agreement of indicator diagrams is not very good for either the inlet or the exhaust processes (figs. 26 and 27). This is believed to be due to the use of inlet and exhaust pipes each 2 inches in diameter and about 1 foot in length. In the other two engines, the inlet and exhaust pipes were very large and short and carefully rounded at the connections. The assumption that the poor agreement is caused by pipes is substantiated by two things: (1) unpublished data at the Sloan Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, show that if the pipes on the bore-stroke engine were enlarged without changing their lengths, the volumetric efficiency of the engine dropped about 2 percent; and (2) the shape of the measured diagram in figure 26 is typical of those where vibration is set up in the inlet pipe (reference 19). In the theory it has been assumed that the conditions upstream of the inlet valve and downstream of the exhaust valve are constant. This is approximated in practice when very short inlet and exhaust pipes are used and when the inlet pressure  $p_1$ , temperature  $T_1$ , and exhaust pressure  $p_e$  are held constant and measured in adequately large surge tanks. In the experimental work on the CFR and inlet-exhaust engines these conditions were fulfilled. In the case of the bore-stroke engine, the inlet and exhaust pipes were longer and smaller than desired.

A correlation of volumetric efficiencies is attempted in appendix D.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The trends of volumetric efficiency predicted by the theory are correct, except when the  $p_1/p_e$  ratio is far from 1, the valve-overlap period is long, and the piston speed is low.



2. Owing to several approximations used in the theory, the volumetric efficiencies calculated from the theory are on the average 5 percent too high.

3. Except for the bore-stroke engine, the agreement between calculated and measured indicator diagrams seems to be within the precision of the measuring indicator, with indications that in some cases the calculated pressures are more accurate. In the case of the bore-stroke engine, the failure of the indicator diagrams to agree is probably due to dynamic disturbances set up in the inlet and exhaust pipes.

4. Ordinary inaccuracies in estimating the initial pressure  $p_o$  of either an inlet or an exhaust solution affect only the first part of the calculated indicator diagram. Variations in  $p_o$  of as much as 4 pounds per square inch for an inlet solution and as much as 20 pounds per square inch for an exhaust solution still give indicator diagrams which converge quite rapidly. The effect of varying  $p_o$  on calculated volumetric efficiency is small.

5. Reasonable inaccuracies in estimating the ideal residual-gas temperature  $T_r$  are unimportant.

6. In varying the inlet pressure  $p_i$  and the exhaust pressure  $p_e$  with other things kept constant, the volumetric efficiency depends on the ratio  $p_i/p_e$ , irrespective of the individual levels of either  $p_i$  or  $p_e$ .

7. For the inlet process, the effect of decreasing the piston speed  $s$  is the same as that of increasing the relative size of the inlet valve to the piston (that is,  $A_i/A_p$ ) or as that of increasing the velocity of sound in the intake charge  $C_i$ .

8. For the exhaust process, the effect of decreasing the piston speed  $s$  is the same as that of increasing the relative size of the exhaust valve to the piston (that is,  $A_e/A_p$ ) or as that of increasing the velocity of sound in the ideal residual gas  $C_e$ .

9. For the inlet process, the use of  $k$  (ratio of specific heats) for the intake charge to replace the actual variable  $k$  of the cylinder contents gives satisfactory results. Results are unsatisfactory if  $k$  is taken equal to or nearly equal to that for the residual gas in the cylinder at the beginning of the inlet process.

10. With the aid of this theory, it is possible to predict the volumetric efficiencies and indicator diagrams for the inlet and exhaust processes even before the actual engine is built, provided the flow

coefficients of the valves can be obtained on a model. It is also possible to calculate some hypothetical inlet or exhaust processes which are impossible to obtain on actual engines, such as the cases where the valves open and close instantaneously.

11. The theory in this report is applicable not only to the pumping process of internal-combustion engines but also to reciprocating compressors or vacuum pumps in which the working medium is a gaseous substance.

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## APPENDIX A

## SYMBOLS

$A, B, C$	constants
$A_e$	effective exhaust-valve opening area
$A_i$	effective inlet-valve opening area
$A_p$	piston area
$C_1, C_2$	constants
$C_e$	velocity of sound in ideal residual gas
$C_i$	velocity of sound in intake mixture
$C_p$	mean specific heat at constant pressure, assumed constant
$C_v$	mean specific heat at constant volume, assumed constant
$C_x$	velocity of sound at station $x$
$E$	internal energy of cylinder contents
$e_v$	volumetric efficiency
$F_e$	flow factor for outward flow
$F_i$	flow factor for inward flow
$F_s$	flow factor for sonic flow
$f$	fuel-air ratio
$H$	enthalpy
$k$	ratio of specific heats ( $C_p/C_v$ )
$L$	length of connecting rod
$M$	mass of cylinder contents
$M_a$	mass of air

$M_t$	total mass of air plus fuel
$m$	molecular mass of gas
$N$	number of revolutions per unit time
$p$	cylinder pressure
$p_e$	exhaust pressure
$p_i$	inlet pressure
$p_m$	either $p_e$ or $p_i$
$p_o$	initial cylinder pressure
$Q$	total heat
$R$	universal gas constant
$r$	compression ratio of cylinder
$S$	stroke
$s$	mean piston speed
$T$	absolute temperature of cylinder contents
$T_r$	absolute temperature of ideal residual gas
$t$	time
$u$	velocity along streamline $C$
$u_x$	velocity of flow at any station $x$
$V$	cylinder volume
$V_d$	piston displacement
$V_o$	cylinder volume corresponding to $\theta_o$
$w$	velocity field
$\rho$	density of fluid
$\theta$	crank angle

$\theta_c$  crank angle at which valve is completely closed

$\theta_o$  crank angle at which valve opens

Subscripts:

1 upstream station where velocity of flow is negligible  
(see fig. 1(a))

av average

cr critical

e exhaust

i inlet; station upstream of inlet valve where pressure and temperature are sensibly constant and where velocity of flow of intake charge is considerably lower than that through valve (see fig. 1(a)).

## APPENDIX B

## STEADY AND UNSTEADY FLOW OF A GAS

It has been pointed out (under EQUATION OF THE INLET PROCESS) that the difference between steady and unsteady flows is the term  $\int_c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx$ .

This term will now be approximately evaluated in the case of flow through valves.

If the density  $\rho$  of the fluid is assumed to be constant, the equation of continuity calls for

$$Au = A_1 u_1$$

where

A area of equipotential surface at distance  $x$  from valve

$u$  velocity of flow at distance  $x$  from valve

$A_1$  effective valve opening area

$u_1$  velocity of flow through valve

Therefore  $u = (A_1/A)u_1 = f(x)u_1$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{du_1}{dt} f(x)$$

and 
$$\int_c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx = \frac{du_1}{dt} \int_c f(x) dx \quad (47)$$

The integral  $\int_c f(x) dx$  has the dimension of length.

In order to integrate equation (47) the flow pattern (potential function) must be known. In its absence the integration can be carried out only approximately.

The flow toward an engine valve may be treated similarly as that toward a "sink." This is at least very nearly true at large distances from the valve. According to this assumption the equipotential surfaces at large distances are semispherical.

Let  $a$  represent the equivalent radius of the inlet-valve opening and assume equipotential surfaces to be semispherical at distances greater than  $10a$  from the valve; then

$$A = 2\pi(ya)^2 \quad \text{for } 10 < y < \infty$$

where  $ya$  is the distance from the inlet port ( $= x$ );  $y$  is a nondimensional quantity.

Another expression for  $A$  is required for  $0 < y < 10$ . It is known that when  $y = 0$ ,  $A = \pi a^2$ ; and when  $y = 10$ ,  $A = 200\pi a^2$ ; and if  $A$  is plotted against  $y$ , the two curves (one for  $0 < y < 10$  and the other for  $10 < y < \infty$ ) must be tangent to each other at  $y = 10$ . These conditions can be satisfied by the simple quadratic equation

$$A = \pi a^2(1 - 0.2y + 2.01y^2) \quad \text{for } 0 < y < 10$$

which, from a theoretical point of view, may of course be in error but is satisfactory to use as a first approximation.

$$\int_c f(x) dx = \int_c (A_1/A) dx = \int_c (A_1/A)a dy$$

Now

$$A = \pi a^2(1 - 0.2y + 2.01y^2) \quad \text{for } 0 < y < 10$$

$$A = 2\pi a^2 y^2 \quad \text{for } 10 < y < \infty$$

and

$$A_1 = (A)_{y=0} = \pi a^2$$

therefore

$$\int_c \frac{A_1}{A} a dy = \int_0^{10} \frac{a dy}{1 - 0.2y + 2.01y^2} + \int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{a dy}{2y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{10} \frac{a \, dy}{1 - 0.2y + 2.01y^2} &= \frac{2a}{\sqrt{8}} \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{4.02y - 0.2}{\sqrt{8}} \right]_0^{10} \\
 &= \frac{2a}{\sqrt{8}} \left[ \tan^{-1}(40/\sqrt{8}) - \tan^{-1}(-0.2/\sqrt{8}) \right] \\
 &= 0.707(1.50 + 0.07)a \\
 &= 1.11a
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{10}^{\infty} \frac{a \, dy}{2y^2} = \frac{a}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{y} \right]_{10}^{\infty} = \frac{a}{20} = 0.05a$$

and thus

$$\int_c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \, dx = \frac{du_1}{dt} (1.11 + 0.05)a$$

$$= 1.16a (du_1/dt) \tag{48}$$

If the point of tangency is assumed to be at  $y = 20$  instead of at  $y = 10$  and the foregoing calculation is repeated

$$\int (\partial u / \partial t) \, dx = 1.14a (du_1/dt) \tag{48a}$$

The next step is to examine the size of the term  $\int (\partial u / \partial t) \, dx$  as compared with  $u_1^2/2$  in equation (16). From equation (20) it is seen that

$$A_1 p_1 F_1 \sqrt{2m_1/RT_1} = dM/dt = \rho_1 u_1 A_1$$

therefore

$$u_1 = \frac{F_1 p_1}{\rho_1} \sqrt{\frac{2m_1}{RT_1}} \tag{49}$$



When it is considered that  $\rho_1/\rho_i = (p/p_i)^{\frac{1}{k}}$ , the velocity  $u_1$  or the velocity ratio  $u_1/C_1$  can be calculated from equation (49), the pressure ratio  $p/p_i$ , and the flow factor  $F_1$  at different crank angles obtained in the solution. From a curve of  $u_1/C_1$  against crank angle it is possible by measuring the slope of the curve to obtain

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{u_1}{C_1} \right)$$

from which it is easy to get  $du_1/dt$ . Substitution of this into equation (48) immediately results in the integral  $\int (\partial u/\partial t) dx$ ; the radius  $a$  is calculated from the effective valve opening area  $A_1$  by means of the relation  $a = \sqrt{A_1/\pi}$ . Then the ratio of  $\int (\partial u/\partial t) dx$  to  $u_1^2/2$  is readily obtained.

This has been done for one actual case in reference 9 and it was found that this ratio was 0.114 at  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , 0.015 at  $\theta = 60^\circ$ , and 0.008 at  $\theta = 180^\circ$  A.T.C. This ratio therefore is very small for most of the inlet process. Its magnitude is comparatively large during only the first  $10^\circ$  or  $20^\circ$  after the valve opens when the velocity of flow through the valve is still low but its acceleration is high. As far as the whole inlet process is concerned, it seems safe to neglect the term  $\int (\partial u/\partial t) dx$  in equation (16), which is thus simplified to Bernoulli's equation.

Although the foregoing discussion and the computation of the ratio of  $\int (\partial u/\partial t) dx$  to  $u_1^2/2$  are based on the inlet process, it is not difficult to see that the conclusion is also valid for the exhaust process. In other words, the effect of unsteadiness of flow through the exhaust valve can also be neglected.

## APPENDIX C

## DISCUSSION OF THE FLOW FACTOR FOR OUTWARD FLOW

It has been mentioned in the text that for inward flow through the inlet valve, the mass velocity (mass of fluid per unit time per unit area) is

$$\frac{1}{A_i} \frac{dM}{dt} = p_i \sqrt{\frac{2m_i}{RT_i} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \quad (18)$$

and for outward flow through the exhaust valve, the mass velocity is

$$\frac{1}{A_e} \frac{dM}{dt} = p \sqrt{\frac{2m_e}{RT} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p_e}{p} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \quad (35)$$

where  $T$  is given by

$$\frac{T}{T_r} = \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \quad (37)$$

Eliminating  $T$  from equations (35) and (37) and simplifying results in

$$\frac{1}{A_e} \frac{dM}{dt} = p_e \sqrt{\frac{2m_e}{RT_r} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} - 1 \right]} \quad (50)$$

On the right-hand side of equation (18), all quantities except  $p$  are constant; similarly, on the right-hand side of equation (50),  $p$  is the only variable. These equations can therefore be written

$$\frac{1}{A_i} \frac{dM}{dt} = C_1 \sqrt{\left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_i} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right]} \quad (18a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{1}{A_e} \frac{dM}{dt} = C_2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{p}{p_e}\right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} - 1} \quad (50a)$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants.

It is well known that equation (18a) has a maximum when

$$\frac{p}{p_1} = \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

at which pressure ratio (the critical pressure ratio) the velocity of flow is equal to the local velocity of sound. When the pressure ratio  $p/p_1$  is further decreased, the velocity of flow and the mass velocity remain constant at their critical values. This explains why the flow factor for inward flow becomes constant when the critical pressure ratio is reached (fig. 2(b)). Equation (50a), however, is different. If the mass velocity  $(1/A_e)(dM/dt)$  is plotted against the pressure ratio  $p/p_e$ , it always increases as  $p/p_e$  increases, though the increase is rather slow when  $p/p_e$  is large. (In equation (50a)  $p_e$  is considered a constant. So for a given exhaust process the mass velocity is a function of the cylinder pressure  $p$  only.) In mathematical terms, the mass velocity as defined by equation (50a) is a monotonic increasing function of  $p/p_e$ . It has neither maximums nor minimums.

The velocity of flow through the exhaust valve increases as  $p/p_e$  increases. It becomes equal to the local velocity of sound when

$$\frac{p}{p_e} = \left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (\text{See equation (53)})$$

beyond which, unlike the flow through the inlet valve, the velocity becomes supersonic and the mass velocity continues to increase according to equation (50). This is substantiated by the calculated results of many exhaust processes and will be further explained a little later.

In a recent research by Hu at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (references 20 and 21), he measured the mass velocity of flow through exhaust valves from a pressure tank storing compressed air. The range of pressure ratio covered is, approximately, from 2 to 7. When this ratio is high (about 6 or 7), the mass velocity from Hu's measurement is higher than that indicated by equation (50). According to Hu's experiment, then, the velocity of flow at the exhaust valve does not exceed the local velocity of sound, at least not to the extent implied by equation (50).

An investigation was therefore made to see what would happen if the velocity through the exhaust valve was limited to the local sonic velocity. According to Bernoulli's equation for compressible fluids, the velocity of flow  $u_x$  at any station  $x$  along the path of flow is given by

$$\frac{u_x^2}{2} = \frac{k}{k-1} \left( \frac{p_1}{\rho_1} - \frac{p_x}{\rho_x} \right) \quad (51)$$

where  $k$  is the ratio of specific heats of the fluid,  $p$  the pressure, and  $\rho$  the density. Subscript 1 indicates an upstream station where the velocity of flow is negligible. For an isentropic process,

$$\rho_1/\rho_x = (p_1/p_x)^{\frac{1}{k}}. \quad \text{The local velocity of sound at } x \text{ is } C_x = \sqrt{k p_x / \rho_x}.$$

Therefore, equation (51) yields the relation

$$\left( \frac{u_x}{C_x} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p_1}{p_x} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} - 1 \right] \quad (52)$$

The ratio  $u_x/C_x$  is often referred to as the Mach number. From equation (52) it is readily seen that the condition for Mach number equal to 1 is

$$\frac{p_1}{p_x} = \left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \quad (53)$$

which is the condition at the throat of the exhaust-gas stream where the velocity of flow is equal to the local sonic velocity. For  $k = 1.30$ , equation (53) gives a pressure ratio of 1.83.

Let  $p/p_e = 1.83$  in equation (35); then

$$\frac{1}{A_e} \frac{dM}{dt} = p \sqrt{\frac{2m_e}{RT} \frac{k}{k-1}} (0.05136) \quad (54)$$

The substitution of 1.83 for  $p/p_e$  means that by passing through the exhaust valve the pressure of the exhaust gas does not drop to the exhaust pressure  $p_e$  but to  $1/1.83$  of the cylinder pressure  $p$  with the expansion from  $p/1.83$  to  $p_e$  taking place in the exhaust port and the exhaust pipe.

Equation (54) indicates that even when  $p/p_e$  is greater than 1.83, the mass velocity increases as the upstream pressure  $p$  increases or as the square root of the absolute upstream temperature  $T$  decreases. Also, for  $p/p_e$  greater than 1.83, the mass velocity given by equation (54) is greater than that given by equation (35).

By using equation (54) and doing the same thing as was done in formulating the equation of the exhaust process, a new flow factor for sonic flow

$$F_s = 0.4718 \left( \frac{p}{p_e} \right)^{\frac{3k-1}{2k}} \quad (55)$$

is obtained for  $k = 1.30$  and  $p/p_e \geq 1.83$ .

In reference 9, one exhaust process was solved using both the original flow factor for outward flow  $F_e$  and the new flow factor for sonic flow  $F_s$ . Although the solution based on  $F_e$  agreed very nicely with the experimental indicator diagram, the recalculation based on  $F_s$  deviated noticeably from the measured curve. In the present report all the exhaust solutions are based on  $F_e$  and the agreement with measured indicator diagrams is almost perfect. If  $F_s$  were used, the calculated diagrams would be lower than the measured curves and the agreement would not be nearly so good.

This fact, unless there are other unknown reasons, would seem to indicate that the velocity of flow through the exhaust valve under actual engine operating conditions may be supersonic. Supersonic velocity is possible only when the throat of the exhaust-gas stream is inside the cylinder and ahead of the exhaust valve. The pressure at the throat is, by definition,  $p/1.83$ ; and if  $F_e$  is used when  $p/p_e$  is greater than 1.83, it is implied that the pressure at the exhaust valve is  $p_e$ .

The apparent contradiction between the findings in this report and those in Hu's experiment was first thought to be due to the fact that in calculating the exhaust processes, the effective exhaust-valve opening area was based on flow coefficients obtained by steady-flow tests with very small pressure drop across the valve, whereas under actual engine operating conditions the flow is unsteady and the pressure drop across the exhaust valve is very large. However, experiments by Hu (unsteady flow, large pressure drop) and by Weiss and Yee (reference 22) (steady flow, pressure drop only 10 in. of alcohol) indicate that the difference in flow coefficients from their experiments is small and no consistent trend in the variation of flow coefficients could be attributed to these changes.

It may be pointed out, however, that Hu's experimental conditions did not correspond entirely to actual conditions of engine operation. Thus, in Hu's experiment the valve lift was fixed during each test run, whereas in actual engine operation the valve lift changes rapidly with time. It is conceivable that when the exhaust valve is opening, the changing valve position might cause the vena contracta of the exhaust-gas stream to shift in position accordingly. Thus the throat of the gas stream might fall inside the cylinder and ahead of the valve, and consequently the velocity at the exhaust valve might become supersonic.

## APPENDIX D

## CORRELATION OF VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCIES

## OBTAINED UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS

If there is no serious backflow or short-circuit flow during the inlet process, the volumetric efficiency can be calculated with reasonable accuracy from

$$e_v = \frac{m_1/m_2}{k_1(1+f)} Y_c \quad (56)$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} Y_c &= B \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_c} \frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1 d\theta \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2k_1}}{180} \frac{C_1}{s} \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_c} \frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1 d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Combining equations (56) and (57), yields

$$e_v = \frac{\sqrt{2}(m_1/m_2)}{180\sqrt{k_1}(1+f)} \frac{C_1}{s} \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_c} \frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1 d\theta \quad (58)$$

It is apparent from equation (58) that in order to correlate volumetric efficiencies obtained under different test conditions, the proper parameter or criterion to use would be

$$\alpha = \frac{C_1}{s} \left( \frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1 \right)_{av} (\theta_c - \theta_0) \quad (59)$$

where

$$\left(\frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1\right)_{av} = \frac{1}{\theta_c - \theta_o} \int_{\theta_o}^{\theta_c} \frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1 d\theta$$

In actual engine operation, the molecular mass of intake mixture  $m_1$  and that of air  $m_a$  are nearly equal, and therefore  $m_1/m_a$  is nearly equal to 1;  $\sqrt{k_1}$  and  $1 + f$  do not vary greatly. Besides,  $1 + f$  and  $\sqrt{k_1}(m_a/m_1)$  change in opposite directions. Thus the quantity

$$\frac{m_1/m_a}{\sqrt{k_1}(1 + f)}$$

is practically constant and therefore does not enter the parameter  $\alpha$ .

The parameter  $\alpha$  has one disadvantage, however, in that the quantity  $\left(\frac{A_1}{A_p} F_1\right)_{av}$  involves the flow factor  $F_1$  which cannot be evaluated unless the indicator diagram (either measured or calculated) is available.

In references 15 and 16, from considerations independent of this report, the following criterion for volumetric efficiency has been used

$$\phi = \frac{s}{C_1} \frac{A_p}{(A_1)_{av}}$$

where

$$(A_1)_{av} = \frac{1}{\theta_c - \theta_o} \int_{\theta_o}^{\theta_c} A_1 d\theta$$

The parameter  $\phi$  correlates volumetric efficiencies satisfactorily when certain operating variables are changed within reasonable ranges.



In reference 23, similarly, the following criterion has been used:

$$\phi' = \left( \frac{s}{C_i} \frac{A_p}{(A_i)_{av}} \frac{1}{\theta_c - \theta_o} \right) \times \text{Constant}$$

and a large number of volumetric efficiencies obtained under different conditions of test were plotted against  $\phi'$  as abscissa; the correlation was fairly good except when  $\phi'$  was small.

It is to be expected that neither  $\phi$  nor  $\phi'$  will give satisfactory all-round correlation of volumetric efficiencies because they do not include the flow factor  $F_i$  which, although inconvenient to evaluate, is nevertheless important since it is proportional to the mass velocity through the inlet valve. The problem is further complicated when conditions giving rise to serious backflow or short-circuit flow are involved.

It seems unlikely that any simple, easily evaluable parameter could be found to correlate volumetric efficiencies when a great many variables are changed over wide ranges. But when normal, moderate changes are made on a few variables, the volumetric efficiencies should be correlated successfully by using either  $\phi$  or  $\phi'$ .

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TABLE I

SCHEDULE OF VALVE LIFT, VALVE TIMING, AND FLOW  
COEFFICIENTS FOR TESTS ON INLET-EXHAUST ENGINE

[ $L_{max}$ , max. valve lift; D, valve diameter;  
 $C_{av}$ , average flow coefficient over entire  
valve opening period.]

Run	Valve lift (in.)		$L_{max}/D$		$C_{av}$		$D^2C_{av}$		Valve timing (1)			
									I.O.	I.C.	E.O.	E.C.
	Inlet	Exhaust	Inlet	Exhaust	Inlet	Exhaust	Inlet	Exhaust	(deg B.T.C.)	(deg A.B.C.)	(deg B.B.C.)	(deg A.T.C.)
1	0.500	0.244	0.225	0.110	0.319	0.163	1.569	0.802	19	66	72	14
2	.405	.290	.183	.131	.281	.193	1.380	.948	19	66	72	14
3	.333	.358	.150	.162	.234	.235	1.151	1.155	19	66	72	14
4	.284	.428	.128	.193	.197	.273	.969	1.343	19	66	72	14
5	.248	.500	.112	.225	.170	.305	.836	1.500	19	66	72	14
6	.248	.500	.112	.225	.170	.305	.836	1.500	(2)	94	72	14
7	.500	.244	.225	.110	.319	.163	1.569	.802	19	66	97	(3)
8	.459	.500	.207	.225	.305	.305	1.500	1.500	19	66	72	14
9	.244	.250	.110	.113	.167	.167	.821	.821	19	66	72	14
10	.500	.244	.225	.110	.319	.163	1.569	.802	19	66	106	14
11	.333	.358	.150	.162	.234	.235	1.151	1.155	19	66	106	14
12	.248	.500	.112	.225	.170	.305	.836	1.500	19	101	72	14
13	.333	.358	.150	.162	.234	.235	1.151	1.155	19	101	72	14

<sup>1</sup>This is the nominal timing when the normal cam clearance of 0.070 in. is used. Since the running cam clearance is adjusted to only 0.045 in., the actual valve opening durations are longer than those listed in the table.

<sup>2</sup>8° A.T.C.

<sup>3</sup>12° B.T.C.



TABLE II

DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup>

(a) CFR engine

[Compression ratio, 4.92;

$$\frac{V}{V_d} = 0.7835 - 0.5000 \cos \theta - 0.0285 \cos 2\theta;$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{V}{V_d} \right) = \frac{\pi}{180} (0.5000 \sin \theta + 0.0570 \sin 2\theta);$$

 $\frac{V_o}{V_d}$  is the value of  $\frac{V}{V_d}$  corresponding to  $\theta_o$ .]

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_o$	$P_o$	$P_1$	$P_e$	$P_m$	A	B	C	$A_1/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)	$A_e/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)
1	C-s20001e	332	16.22	13.45	15.42	13.45	0.336	0.4077	0.958	C-00SL	C-0000e
1.1	C-x20001e	332	16.22	13.45	15.42	13.45	.300	.3562	.958	C-00SL	C-0000e
2	C-s220001e	332	16.22	13.45	15.42	13.45	.270	.3276	.958	C-00SL	C-0000e
3	C-sh20001e	332	16.22	13.45	15.42	13.45	.346	.4198	.958	C-00SL	C-0000e
4	C-s36001e	332	16.73	13.45	15.42	13.45	.336	.2265	.542	C-00SL	C-0000e
4.1	C-x36001e	332	16.73	13.45	15.42	13.45	.300	.1979	.542	C-00SL	C-0000e
5	C-s136001e	332	16.73	13.45	15.42	13.45	.270	.1820	.542	C-00SL	C-0000e
6	C-sh36001e	332	16.73	13.45	15.42	13.45	.346	.2332	.542	C-00SL	C-0000e
7	C-32131e	330	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	.446	C-3200	C-3000e
8	C-32121e	330	15.5	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.4108	.804	C-3200	C-3000e
9	C-32021e	330	20.5	9.82	19.64	9.82	.346	.4108	1.71	C-3200	C-3000e
10	C-32421e	330	5.7	19.64	4.91	19.64	.346	.4108	.174	C-3200	C-3000e
11	C-32411e	330	5.3	19.64	4.91	19.64	.346	1.6432	.676	C-3200	C-3000e

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves following this table.



TABLE II.- DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup> - Continued

(a) CFR engine - Continued

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_0$	$P_0$	$P_1$	$P_e$	$P_m$	A	B	C	$A_1/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)	$A_e/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)
12	C-3141e	330	5.3	19.64	4.91	19.64	0.346	1.6432	0.695	C-3100	C-3000e
13	C-31131e	330	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	.456	C-3100	C-3000e
14	C-11131e	330	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	.451	C-1100	C-1000e
15	C-12131e	330	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	.442	C-1200	C-1000e
16	C-12021e	330	20.5	9.82	19.64	9.82	.346	.4108	1.67	C-1200	C-1000e
17	C-22231e	330	11.1	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.2282	.208	C-2200	C-2000e
18	C-22231	330	11.1	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.2282	0	C-2200	-----
19	C-52231	357	11.1	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.2282	0	C-5200	-----
19.1	C-5222 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	357	11.0	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.2567	0	C-5200	-----
20	C-42131	357	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	0	C-4200	-----
20.1	C-4212 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	357	15.9	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2567	0	C-4200	-----
21	C-41131	357	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	0	C-4100	-----
21.1	C-4112 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	357	15.9	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2567	0	C-4100	-----
22	C-41411	357	5.3	19.64	4.91	19.64	.346	1.6432	0	C-4100	-----
23	C-62411	357	5.3	19.64	4.91	19.64	.346	1.6432	0	C-6200	-----
24	C-62221	357	10.6	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.4108	0	C-6200	-----
25	C-61131	357	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	0	C-6100	-----
25.1	C-6112 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	357	15.9	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2567	0	C-6100	-----
26	C-71131e	315	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	.465	C-7100	C-7000e
27	C-71031e	315	20.9	9.82	19.64	9.82	.346	.2282	.982	C-7100	C-7000e
28	C-71011e	315	20.0	9.82	19.64	9.82	.346	1.6432	6.95	C-7100	C-7000e

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves following this table.

TABLE II.- DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup> - Continued

(a) CFR engine - Continued

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_0$	$p_0$	$p_1$	$p_e$	$p_m$	A	B	C	$A_1/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)	$A_e/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)
29	C-71411e	315	5.3	19.64	4.91	19.64	0.346	1.6432	0.716	C-7100	C-7000e
30	C-72011e	315	20.0	9.82	19.64	9.82	.346	1.6432	6.83	C-7200	C-7000e
31	C-72031e	315	20.9	9.82	19.64	9.82	.346	.2282	.965	C-7200	C-7000e
32	C-72131e	315	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	.455	C-7200	C-7000e
33	C-72131	315	16.0	14.74	14.74	14.74	.346	.2282	0	C-7200	-----
34	C-72231	315	11.1	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.2282	0	C-7200	-----
35	C-72231e	315	11.1	19.64	9.82	19.64	.346	.2282	.208	C-7200	C-7000e
36	C-011e	122	66.7	13.45	15.42	15.42	.250	0	.805	-----	C-0000e
37	C-012e	122	59.2	13.45	15.42	15.42	.250	0	.582	-----	C-0000e
38	C-013e	122	48.7	13.45	15.42	15.42	.250	0	.455	-----	C-0000e
39	C-021e	122	85.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.250	0	.656	-----	C-0000e
40	C-022e	122	80.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.250	0	.656	-----	C-0000e
41	C-023e	122	75.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.250	0	.656	-----	C-0000e
42	C-024e	122	70.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.250	0	.656	-----	C-0000e
43	C-025e	122	65.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.250	0	.656	-----	C-0000e
44	C-0311	330	15.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.3286	0	C-2200	-----
45	C-0321	330	16.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.3286	0	C-2200	-----
46	C-0331	330	17.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.3286	0	C-2200	-----
47	C-0341	330	19.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.3286	0	C-2200	-----
48	C-0421	330	16.2	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.2570	0	C-2200	-----
49	C-0431	330	16.4	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.2108	0	C-2200	-----

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves following this table.

TABLE II.- DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup> - Continued

(a) CFR engine - Concluded

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_0$	$P_0$	$P_1$	$P_e$	$P_m$	A	B	C	$A_1/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)	$A_e/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)
50	C-0441	330	16.9	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.346	0.1788	0	C-2200	-----
51	C-0451	330	15.7	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.5480	0	C-2200	-----
52	C-0461	330	15.4	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	1.643	0	C-2200	-----
53	C-0511e	330	16.0	15.00	15.00	15.00	.346	.3286	.643	C-2200	C-0000e
54	C-0521e	330	16.0	11.00	15.00	11.00	.346	.3286	.905	C-2200	C-0000e
55	C-0531e	330	16.0	7.00	15.00	7.00	.346	.3286	1.463	C-2200	C-0000e
56	C-0541e	330	16.0	20.00	15.00	20.00	.346	.3286	.461	C-2200	C-0000e
57	C-0551e	330	16.0	25.00	15.00	25.00	.346	.3286	.344	C-2200	C-0000e
58	C-0621e	330	11.0	15.00	10.00	15.00	.346	.3286	.410	C-2200	C-0000e
59	C-0631e	330	6.0	15.00	5.00	15.00	.346	.3286	.191	C-2200	C-0000e
60	C-0641e	330	21.0	15.00	20.00	15.00	.346	.3286	.885	C-2200	C-0000e
61	C-0651e	330	26.0	15.00	25.00	15.00	.346	.3286	1.140	C-2200	C-0000e

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves following this table.





TABLE II.- DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup> - Continued

(b) Inlet-exhaust engine

$$\left[ \frac{V}{V_d} = 0.7546 - 0.5000 \cos \theta - 0.0325 \cos 2\theta; \right.$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{V}{V_d} \right) = \frac{\pi}{180} (0.5000 \sin \theta + 0.0650 \sin 2\theta);$$

$\frac{V_o}{V_d}$  is the value of  $\frac{V}{V_d}$  corresponding to  $\theta_o$ .

For all the solutions of part (b),

$$P_1 = P_o = P_m = 16.20 \text{ lb/sq in. abs.}]$$

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_o$	$P_o$	A	B	C	$A_1/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)	$A_o/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)
62	I-011e	85	108	0.250	0	2.478	-----	I-010e
63	I-013e	85	120	.250	0	.527	-----	I-010e
64	I-051e	85	114	.250	0	2.516	-----	I-050e
65	I-053e	85	108	.250	0	.554	-----	I-050e
66	I-071e	60	159	.250	0	2.504	-----	I-070e
67	I-073e	60	165	.250	0	.539	-----	I-070e
68	I-101e	48	220	.250	0	2.504	-----	I-100e
69	I-103e	48	255	.250	0	.535	-----	I-100e
70	I-111e	48	223	.250	0	2.520	-----	I-110e
71	I-113e	48	256	.250	0	.531	-----	I-110e
72	I-013ie	318	31.38	.348	.2693	.527	I-010	I-010e
73	I-023ie	318	24.54	.348	.2693	.528	I-020	I-020e

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_o/A_p$  curves following this table.



TABLE II.- DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup> - Continued

(b) Inlet-exhaust engine - Concluded

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_0$	$p_0$	A	B	C	$A_1/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)	$A_e/A_p$ against $\theta$ curve (1)
74	I-0321e	318	18.23	0.348	0.4488	0.874	I-030	I-030e
75	I-0321	318	18.23	.348	.4488	0	I-030	-----
76	I-0331e	318	20.33	.348	.2693	.528	I-030	I-030e
77	I-0511e	318	17.14	.348	1.3464	2.516	I-050	I-050e
78	I-0521e	318	17.49	.348	.4488	.895	I-050	I-050e
79	I-0521	318	17.49	.348	.4488	0	I-050	-----
80	I-0611	345	17.50	.348	1.3464	0	I-060	-----
81	I-0631	345	18.50	.348	.2693	0	I-060	-----
82	I-0711	318	19.08	.348	1.3464	0	I-070	-----
82.1	I-0711e	318	19.08	.348	1.3464	2.504	I-070	I-070e
83	I-0731	318	32.63	.348	.2693	0	I-070	-----
83.1	I-0731e	318	32.63	.348	.2693	.539	I-070	I-070e
84	I-0821e	318	18.10	.348	.4488	.897	I-080	I-080e
85	I-0831e	318	19.55	.348	.2693	.535	I-080	I-080e
86	I-0921e	318	18.92	.348	.4488	.881	I-090	I-090e
87	I-0931e	318	25.72	.348	.2693	.551	I-090	I-090e
88	I-1031e	318	29.04	.348	.2693	.535	I-100	I-100e
89	I-1321e	315	17.95	.348	.4488	.895	I-130	I-130e

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves following this table.

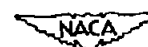


TABLE II.- DATA FOR ALL SOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup> - Concluded

(c) Bore-stroke engine

$$\left[ \frac{V}{V_d} = 0.7316 - 0.5000 \cos \theta - 0.0318 \cos 2\theta; \quad \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{V}{V_d} \right) = \frac{\pi}{180} (0.5000 \sin \theta + 0.0635 \sin 2\theta); \right.$$

$\frac{V_o}{V_d}$  is the value of  $\frac{V}{V_d}$  corresponding to  $\theta_o$ . For all the solutions in part (c), use

$A_1/A_p$  against  $\theta$  curve B-000 and  $A_o/A_p$  against  $\theta$  curve B-000e. Note that in solution 92 only the  $A_1/A_p$  against  $\theta$  curve is needed and in solutions 96, 97, and 98, only the  $A_o/A_p$  against  $\theta$  curve is needed.]

Solution	Designation (1)	$\theta_o$	$P_o$	$P_i$	$P_e$	$P_m$	A	B	C
90	B-0111e	343	16.05	13.46	15.42	13.46	0.348	0.3740	0.836
91	B-0121e	343	16.25	13.46	15.42	13.46	.348	.2743	.611
92	B-0121	343	16.25	13.46	15.42	13.46	.348	.2743	0
93	B-0141e	343	17.20	13.46	15.42	13.46	.348	.2165	.493
94	B-0231e	343	16.36	19.64	15.42	19.64	.348	.2571	.378
95	B-0331e	343	16.36	24.54	15.42	24.54	.348	.2571	.297
96	B-011e	119	82	13.46	15.42	15.42	.250	0	.729
97	B-012e	119	81	13.46	15.42	15.42	.250	0	.534
98	B-014e	119	81	13.46	15.42	15.42	.250	0	.430

<sup>1</sup>See explanation of designation system and remarks about  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_o/A_p$  curves following this table.



## EXPLANATION OF DESIGNATION SYSTEM OF TABLE II

In table II a designation system is used to identify the solutions. There are four different designation types:

From solution number	To solution number	Designation type	Example
27	35	C-wxyz ( )	C-32131e
36	61	C-xy ( )	C-0431
62	89	I-xy ( )	I-1031e
90	98	B-xy ( )	B-012e

<sup>a</sup>Solutions 1 to 6, inclusive, are made in a preliminary investigation to see the effect of changing  $k_1$  (ratio of specific heats of the intake charge) on volumetric efficiency and indicator diagram. They are made at two engine speeds (2000 and 3600 rpm) with different values of  $k_1$ . To compare the calculated results, test data are taken from reference 15.

Type C-wxyz ( ) signifies a systematic investigation using different cams, valve sizes and lifts, and  $p_1/p_e$  ratios on the CFR engine.

C denotes CFR engine

w denotes cam number (See fig. 4.)

x denotes inlet-valve size and lift

2 = large valve, large lift

1 = small valve, small lift

y denotes  $p_1/p_e$  ratio

0 means  $p_1/p_e = 0.5$

1 means  $p_1/p_e = 1$

2 means  $p_1/p_e = 2$

4 means  $p_1/p_e = 4$

z denotes engine speed

1 = 500 rpm

2 = 2000 rpm

$2\frac{1}{2}$  = 3200 rpm

3 = 3600 rpm

( ) denotes nature of solution

i = inlet process, without valve overlap

ie = inlet process, with valve overlap

e = exhaust process

Thus C-3213ie represents a solution of the inlet process with valve overlap on the CFR engine with cam 3, large valve, large lift,  $p_1/p_e = 1$ , at 3600 rpm.

Type C-xy( ) signifies other investigations on the CFR engine.

C denotes CFR engine

xx denotes series number which always begins with zero (0)

01 = checking of some exhaust processes by theory with experimental results under test condition same as those reported in reference 15

02 = varying initial conditions, exhaust process

03 = varying initial conditions, inlet process

04 = effect of piston speed or inlet temperature on volumetric efficiency

05 = constant  $p_e$ , varying  $p_1$

06 = constant  $p_1$ , varying  $p_e$

y denotes solution number in a given series

( ) denotes nature of solution

Thus C-0431 represents solution 3 of the inlet process, without overlap, in a study of the effect of piston speed or inlet temperature on the volumetric efficiency of a CFR engine.

I-xy( )

I denotes inlet-exhaust engine

xx denotes series number which corresponds to the run number in table I

y denotes engine speed

1 = 500 rpm

2 = 1500 rpm

3 = 2500 rpm

( ) denotes nature of solution

Thus I-103ie represents a solution of the inlet process, considering valve overlap, on the inlet-exhaust engine at 2500 rpm. Other conditions same as those in run 10, table I.

B-xy( )

B denotes bore-stroke engine

xx denotes series number

01 for  $p_i = 27.4$  in. Hg abs.,  $p_e = 31.4$  in. Hg abs.

02 for  $p_i = 40$  in. Hg abs.,  $p_e = 31.4$  in. Hg abs.

03 for  $p_i = 50$  in. Hg abs.,  $p_e = 31.4$  in. Hg abs.

y denotes piston speed

1 = 1650 ft/min

2 = 2250 ft/min

3 = 2400 ft/min

4 = 2850 ft/min

( ) denotes nature of solution

Thus B-012e represents a solution of the exhaust process on the bore-stroke engine, with  $p_i = 27.4$  inches of mercury absolute,  $p_e = 31.4$  inches of mercury absolute and at a piston speed of 2250 feet per minute.

In solutions 7 to 98 of this table, it may be noticed that the  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves are numbered according to the designation number. Thus for solution 10, which is designated C-32421e, the  $A_1/A_p$  curve is numbered C-3200 and the  $A_e/A_p$  curve numbered C-3000e.

For part (a), which is for the CFR engine, three master curves numbered C-0100, C-0200, and C-0000e are shown in figure 48. All the curves for solutions 7 to 61, are generated from these master curves by uniformly expanding or shrinking the crank-angle scale according to the valve opening duration of the particular cam. Thus curve C-3200 is generated from curve C-0200 by expanding the crank-angle scale in the ratio 300:266. Curve C-3200, of course, starts at 330° A.T.C. and ends at 270° A.T.C. (See timing diagram for cam 3, fig. 4.)

For part (b), which is for the inlet-exhaust engine, several  $A_1/A_p$  and  $A_e/A_p$  curves are shown in figures 49 and 50.

For part (c), which is for the bore-stroke engine, curves B-000 and B-000e are shown in figures 5 and 6.

TABLE III

## COMPARISON OF THEORETICAL AND MEASURED VOLUMETRIC EFFICIENCIES

[The last two columns of this table are plotted in fig. 7.]

Solution	Designation <sup>1</sup>	$\gamma_c$	$e_v$ (theoretical)	$e_v$ (measured)
3	C-sh20001e	1.0746	0.782	0.790
6	C-sh36001e	.7805	.568	.570
7	C-32131e	1.072	.780	.794
8	C-32121e	1.100	.801	.763
9	C-32021e	.639	.465	.605
10	C-32421e	1.360	.990	.882
11	C-32411e	1.588	1.156	.955
12	C-31411e	1.513	1.102	.951
13	C-31131e	.844	.614	.590
14	C-11131e	.674	.491	.482
15	C-12131e	.992	.722	.673
16	C-12021e	.737	.537	.655
17	C-22231e	1.250	.910	.832
19.1	C-5222 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1.211	.882	.816
20	C-42131	.993	.723	.661
20.1	C-4212 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1.073	.781	.714
21.1	C-4112 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	.738	.537	.500
22	C-41411	1.499	1.091	1.003
23	C-62411	1.207	.879	.831
24	C-62221	1.194	.870	.805
25.1	C-6112 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	.883	.642	.650
26	C-71131e	.747	.544	.526
27	C-71031e	.339	.246	(2)

<sup>1</sup>Explanation of designation system is given after table II.

<sup>2</sup>Unable to run CFR engine under conditions of solution.





TABLE III

COMPARISON OF THEORETICAL AND MEASURED VOLUMETRIC  
EFFICIENCIES - Concluded

Solution	Designation	$\gamma_c$	$e_v$ (theoretical)	$e_v$ (measured)
28	C-7101ie	Negative	Negative	(1)
29	C-7141ie	2.270	1.653	1.264
30	C-7201ie	Negative	Negative	(1)
31	C-7203ie	.502	.366	(1)
32	C-7213ie	1.055	.768	.738
35	C-7223ie	1.330	.968	.870
72	I-013ie	.972	.706	.694
73	I-023ie	1.080	.784	.744
74	I-032ie	1.171	.850	.764
76	I-033ie	1.089	.791	.722
77	I-051ie	1.148	.833	.774
78	I-052ie	1.161	.843	.756
80	I-061i	.829	.602	.665
81	I-063i	.880	.639	.601
82.1	I-071ie	1.027	.746	.683
83.1	I-073ie	.702	.510	.553
84	I-082ie	1.166	.846	.758
85	I-083ie	1.157	.840	.796
86	I-092ie	1.140	.828	.723
87	I-093ie	.840	.610	.543
88	I-103ie	.974	.707	.687
89	I-132ie	.978	.710	.654
90	B-011ie	1.213	.881	.873
91	B-012ie	1.196	.868	.872
93	B-014ie	1.140	.828	.845
94	B-023ie	1.276	.926	.947
95	B-033ie	1.304	.947	.983

<sup>1</sup>Unable to run CFR engine under conditions of solution.



TABLE IV

DEGREE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CALCULATED  
AND MEASURED INDICATOR DIAGRAMS

[Numbers in this table correspond to solution numbers in table II.

Those underlined are reproduced in this report.]

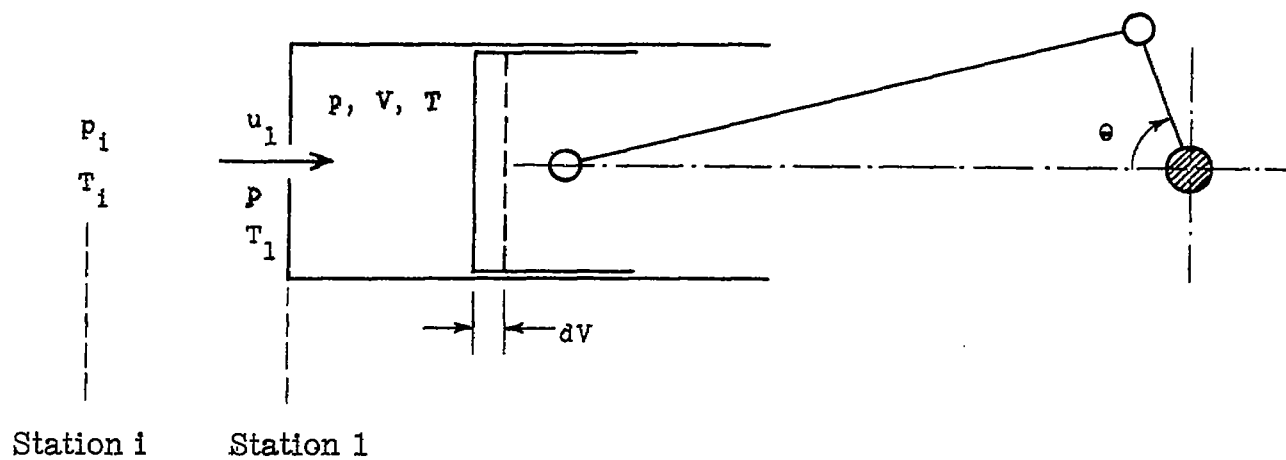
	Inlet processes	Exhaust processes
Good agreement	<u>7</u> , 8, 9, <u>10</u> , <u>11</u> , 12, 15, 32; <u>72</u> , 73, <u>74</u> , <u>81</u> , 83.1, 86, <u>87</u> , 88, <u>89</u>	36, <u>37</u> , 38 <u>62</u> , 64, <u>65</u> , 66, <u>67</u> <u>68</u> , 69, <u>70</u> , 71
Good agreement, except for zero shift	<u>13</u> , 14, <sup>a</sup> <u>16</u> , 22, <u>23</u> , <sup>a</sup> 26; <u>76</u> , <u>77</u> , <u>78</u> , 80, <u>82.1</u> , 84, 85	<u>63</u>
Poor agreement	<sup>b</sup> <u>17</u> , <sup>c</sup> <u>19.1</u> , <sup>b</sup> <u>20</u> , <sup>b</sup> 21.1, <sup>c</sup> <u>24</u> , <sup>c</sup> <u>25.1</u> , <sup>c</sup> 29, <sup>b</sup> 35 <sup>d</sup> 90, <sup>d</sup> <u>91</u> , <sup>d</sup> 93	<sup>d</sup> 96, <sup>d</sup> 97, <sup>d</sup> <u>98</u>

<sup>a</sup>Has discontinuity in measured diagram. (Each occurs at high engine speed; 3600 rpm.) Solution 16: Worst agreement of all.

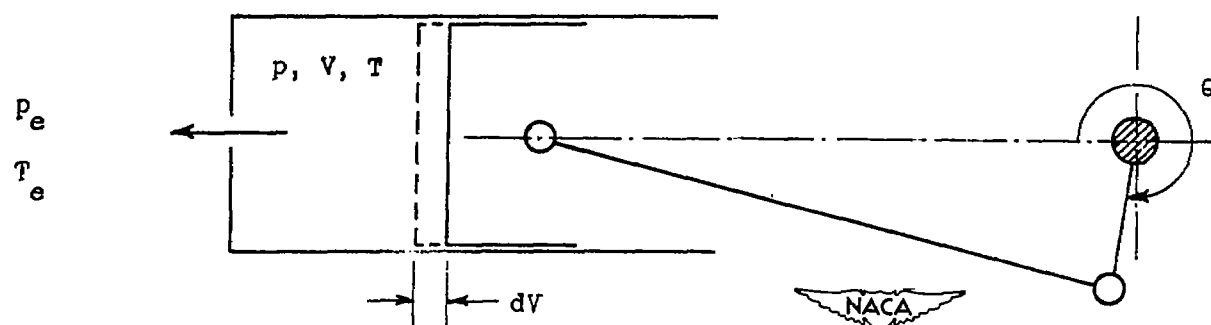
<sup>b</sup>Estimated initial pressure  $p_0$  is too low.

<sup>c</sup>Poor agreement probably due to combination of zero shift and low estimated  $p_0$ .

<sup>d</sup>Poor agreement probably due to lengths of inlet and exhaust pipes.

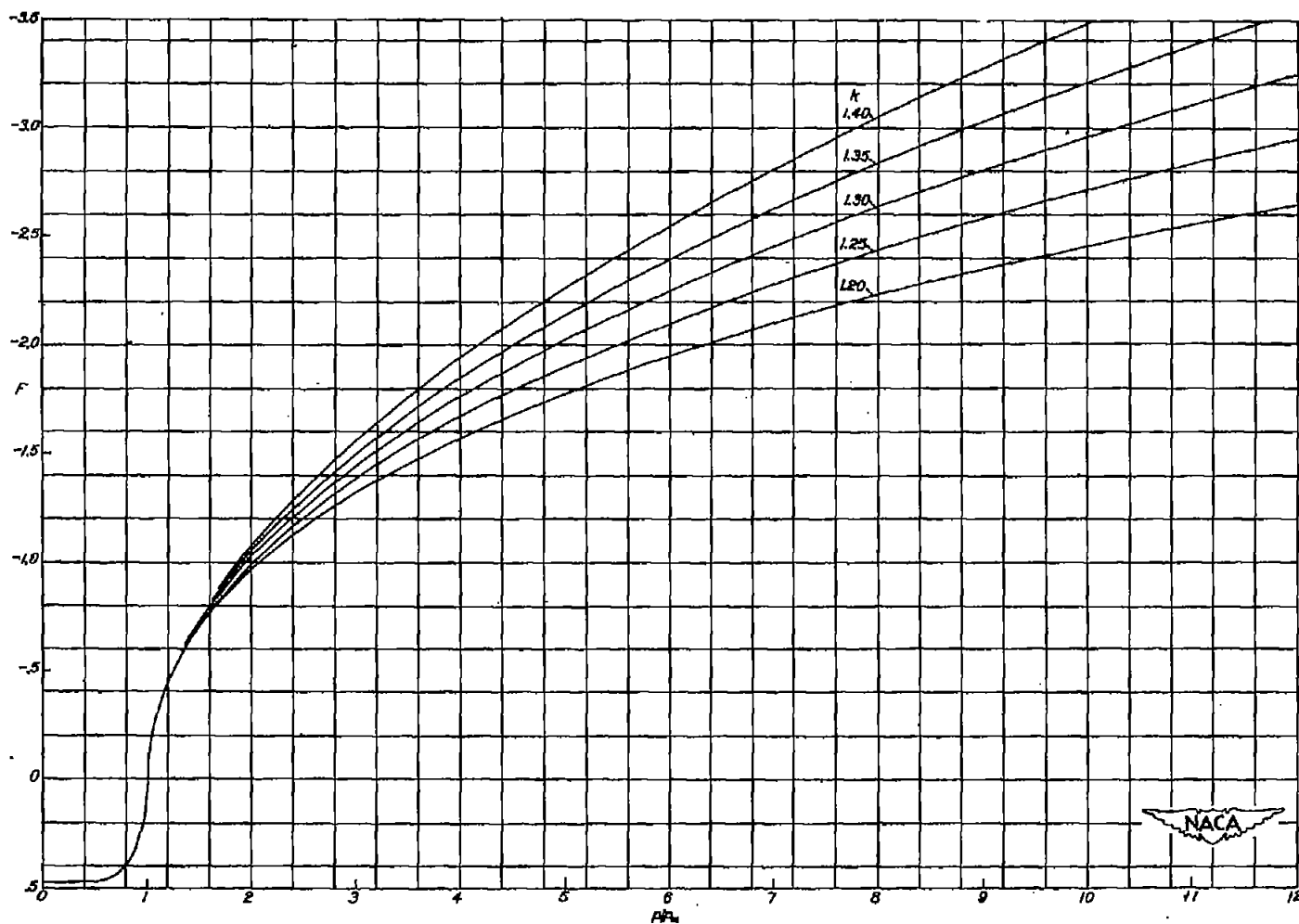


(a) Inlet process.



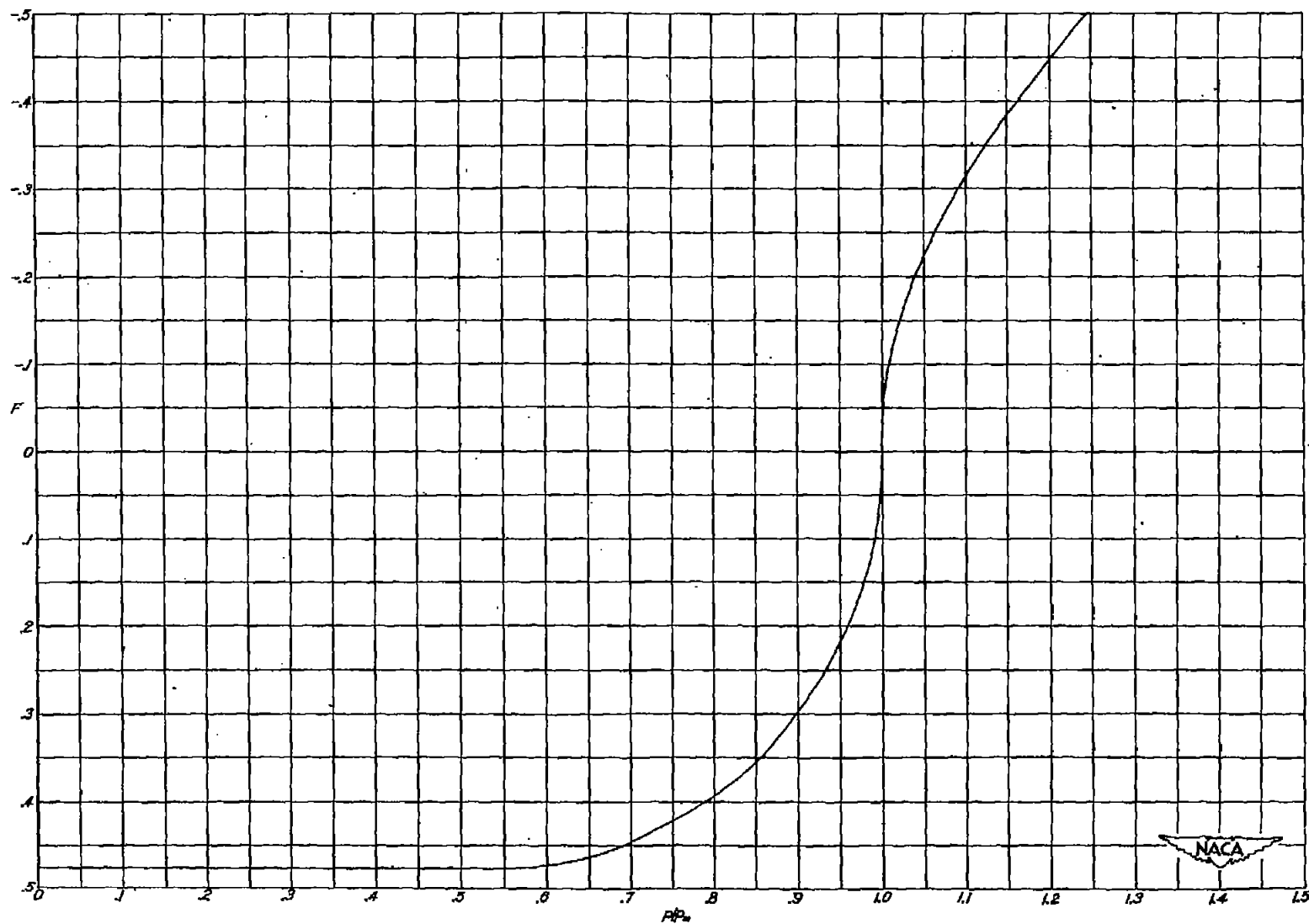
(b) Exhaust process.

Figure 1.- Diagrams of engine processes.

(a) Flow factor  $F$  for values of  $p/p_m$  from 0 to 12.Figure 2.- Relation between flow factor  $F$  and ratio  $p/p_m$ .

$$F = \sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_m} \right)^{\frac{2}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_m} \right)^{\frac{k+1}{k}} \right] \text{ for } 1 > \frac{p}{p_m} > \left( \frac{p}{p_{m,cr}} \right); \quad F = -\sqrt{\frac{k}{k-1}} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{p_m} \right)^{\frac{3k-3}{k}} - \left( \frac{p}{p_m} \right)^{\frac{2k-2}{k}} \right] \text{ for } \frac{p}{p_m} > 1;$$

$p$ , cylinder pressure;  $p_m$ , either inlet pressure  $p_i$  or exhaust pressure  $p_e$  depending on whether flow is through inlet valve or exhaust valve;  $k$ , ratio of specific heats  $C_p/C_v$ .



(b) Flow factor  $F$  for values of  $p/p_m$  from 0 to 1.25. (For  $1.25 < k < 1.40$ .)

Figure 2.- Concluded.

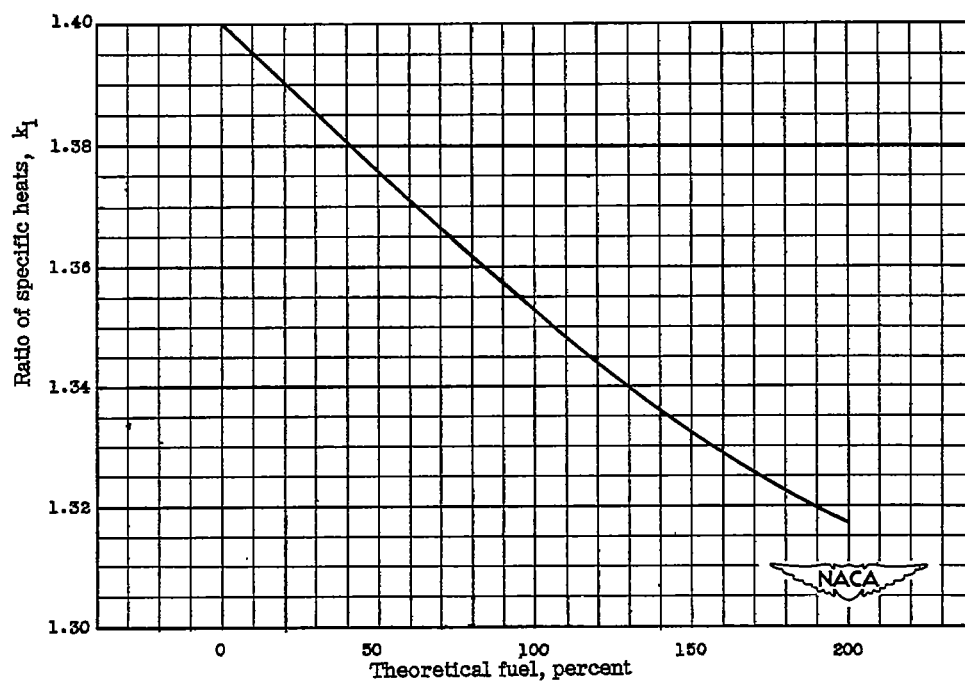


Figure 3.- Variation of ratio of specific heats with percentage of theoretical fuel. This curve is based on the following values of specific heat at constant pressure;  $C_p$  for air, 0.240 Btu per pound per  $^{\circ}\text{R}$ ;  $C_p$  for gasoline vapor, 0.410 Btu per pound per  $^{\circ}\text{R}$ . The latter value is the mean  $C_p$  between  $60^{\circ}$  and  $280^{\circ}$  F.

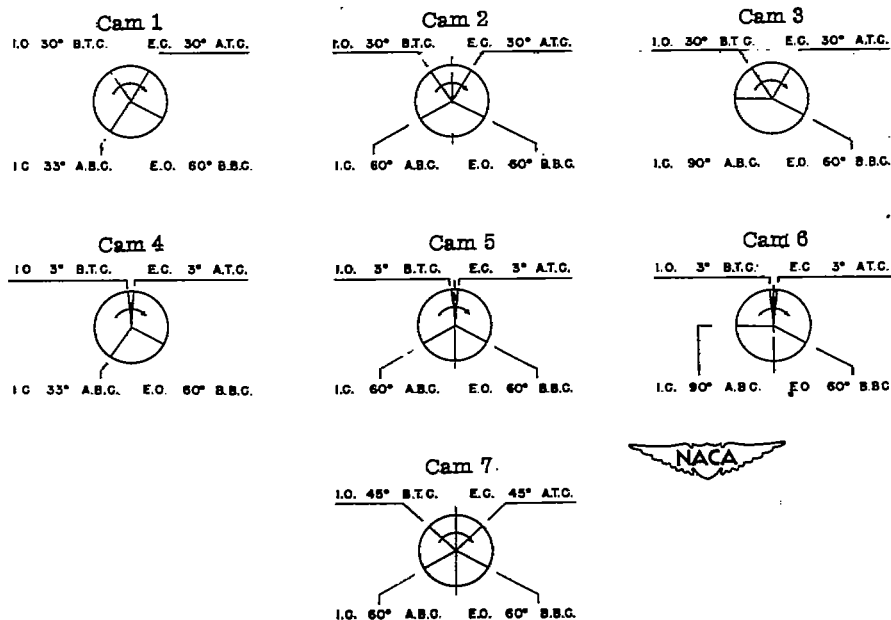


Figure 4.- Timing diagrams for cams used in CFR engine tests. I.O., inlet opens; I.C., inlet closes; E.O., exhaust opens; E.C., exhaust closes.

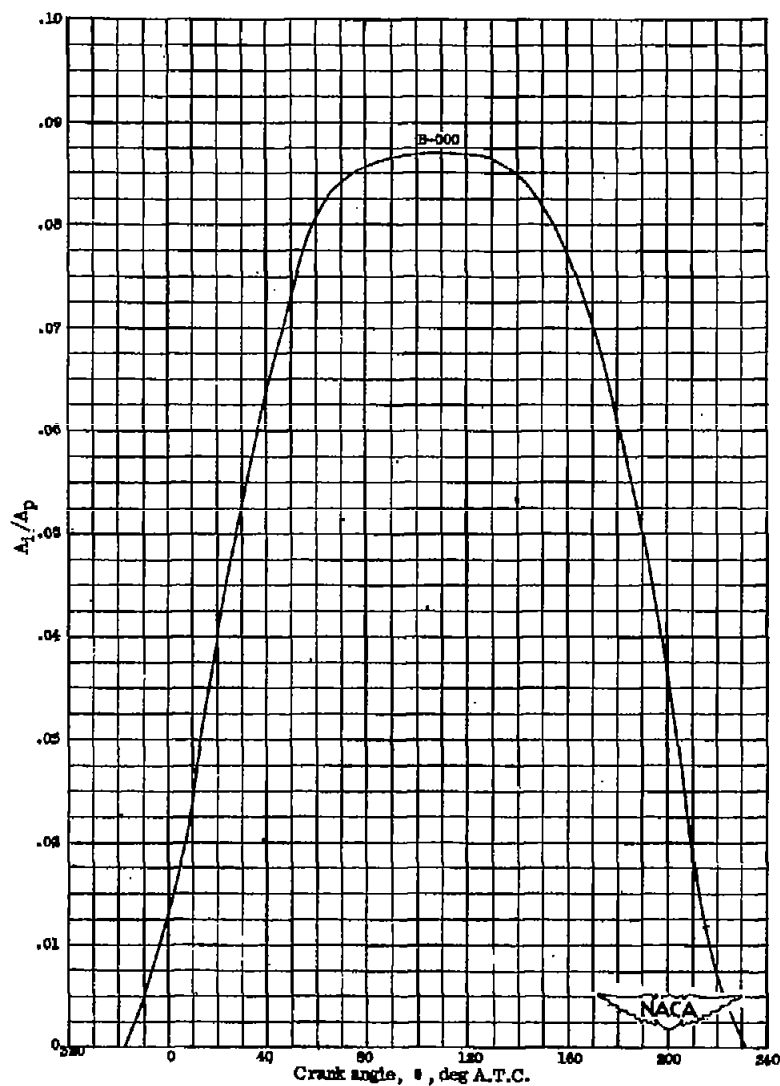


Figure 5.- Valve-opening curve of  $A_i/A_p$  against crank angle. Four-stroke engine; inlet-valve opening duration, 250° crank angle; inlet opens, 243° A.T.C.; inlet closes, 233° A.T.C.

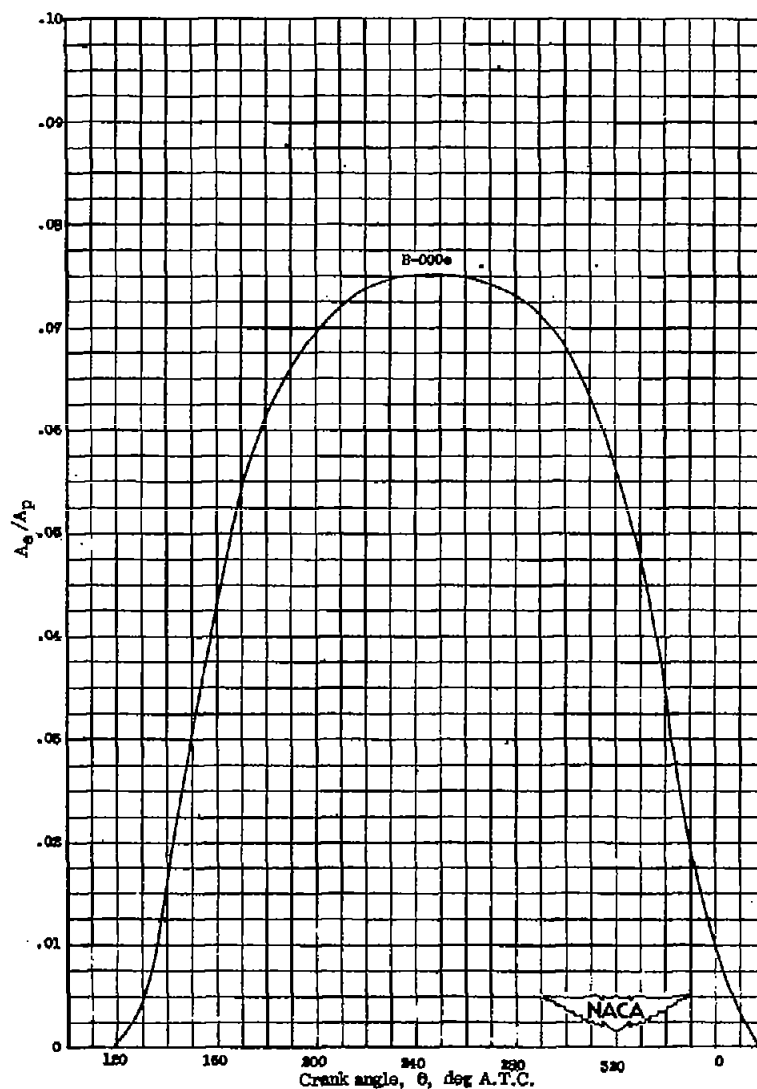


Figure 6.- Valve-opening curve of  $A_e/A_p$  against crank angle. Four-stroke engine; exhaust-valve opening duration, 250° crank angle; exhaust opens, 119° A.T.C.; exhaust closes, 19° A.T.C.

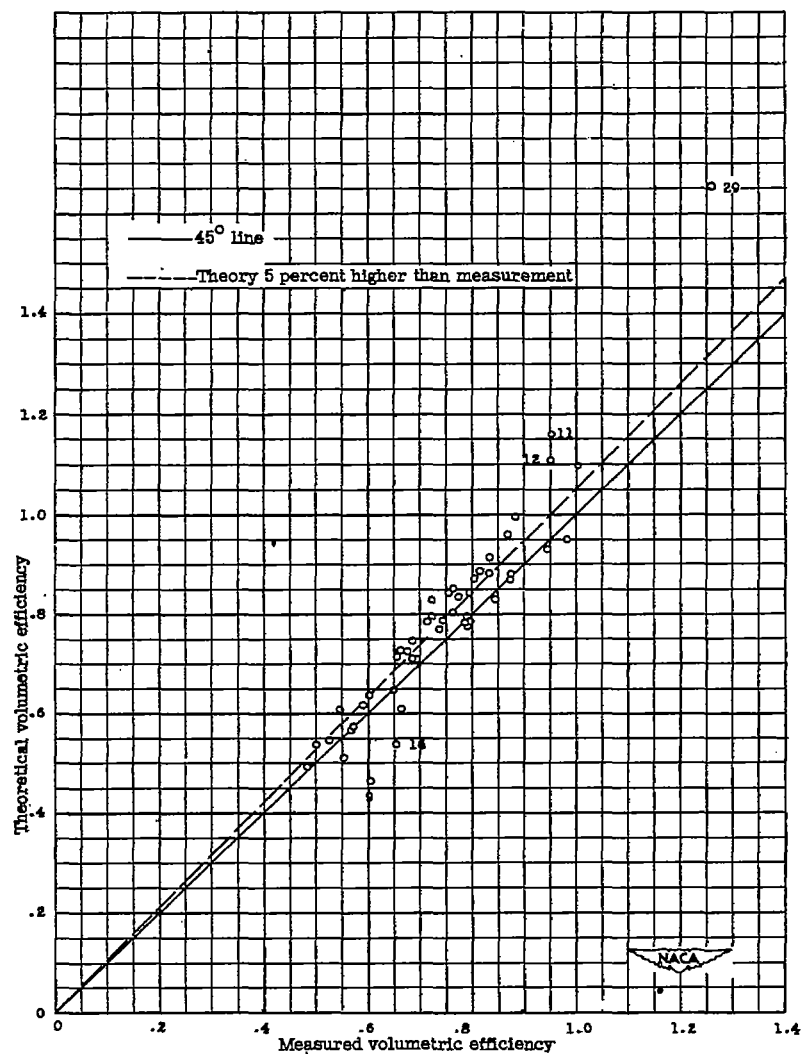


Figure 7.- Over-all comparison of calculated and measured volumetric efficiencies.



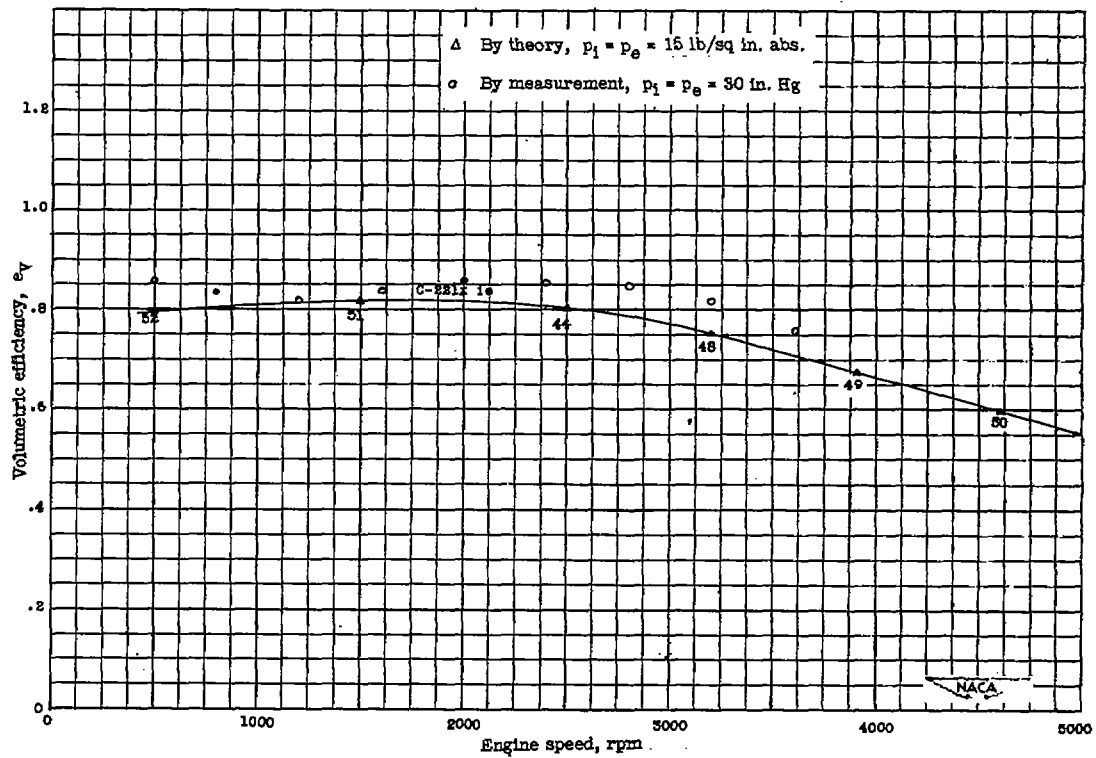


Figure 8.- Variation of volumetric efficiency with engine speed. CFR engine; cam 2: large valve, large lift. Numbers refer to solutions.

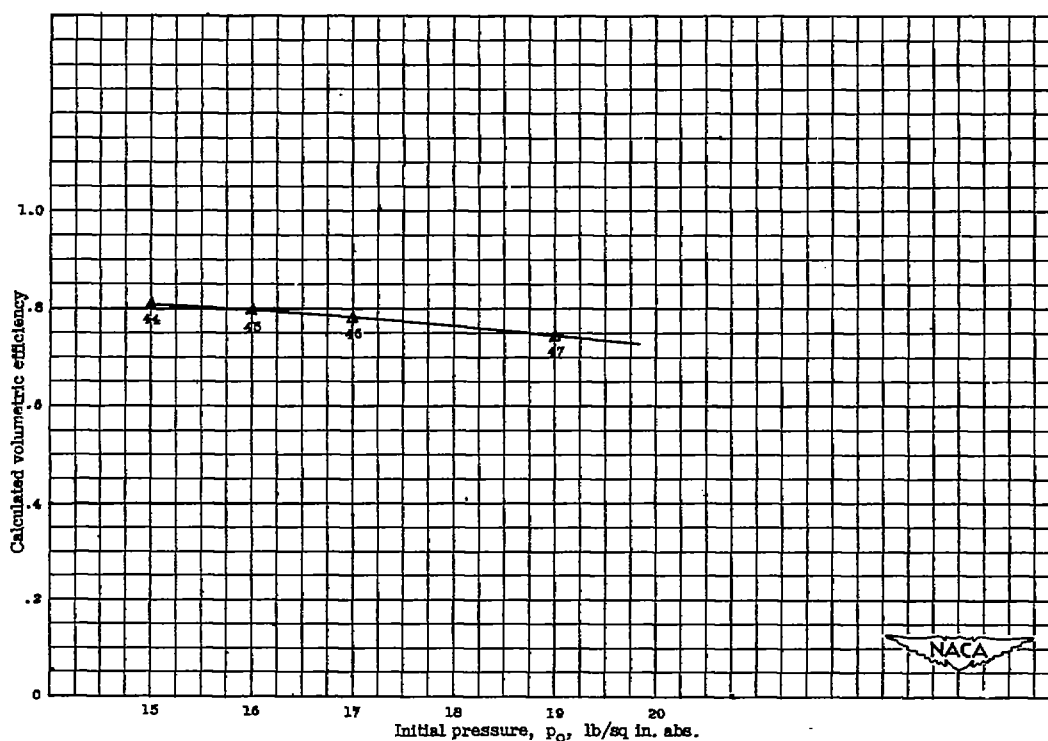


Figure 9.- Variation of calculated volumetric efficiency with initial pressure for inlet processes.  $p_1 = p_e = 15$  pounds per square inch absolute. Numbers refer to solutions.

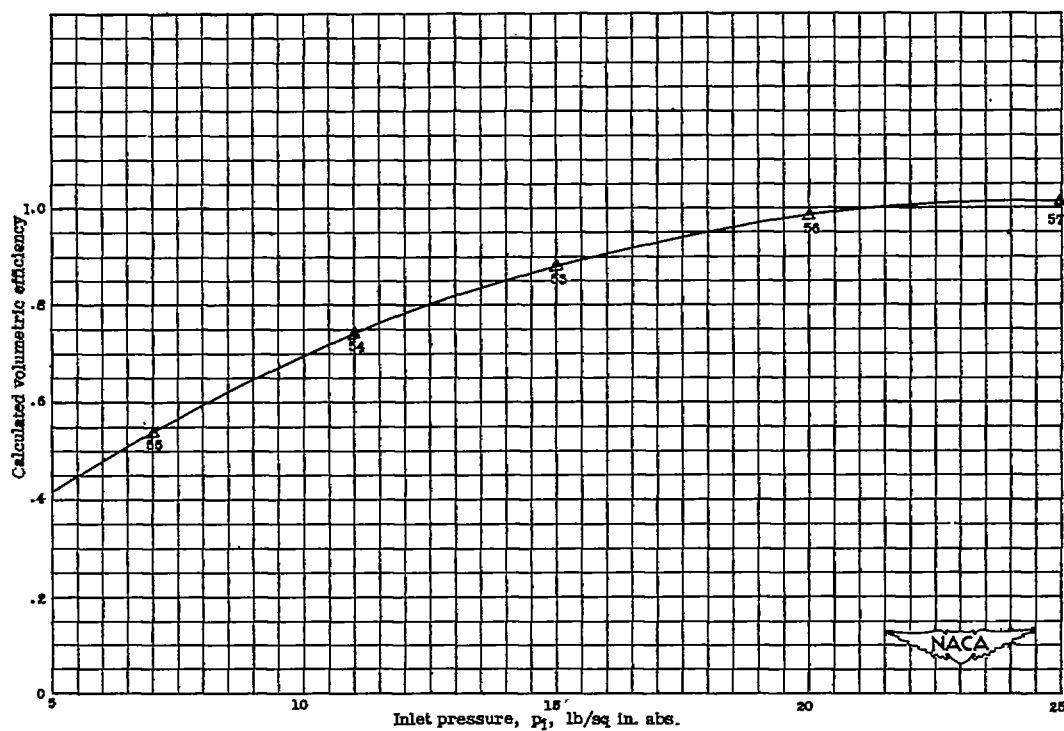


Figure 10.- Variation of calculated volumetric efficiency with inlet pressure. Exhaust pressure, 15 pounds per square inch absolute. Numbers refer to solutions.

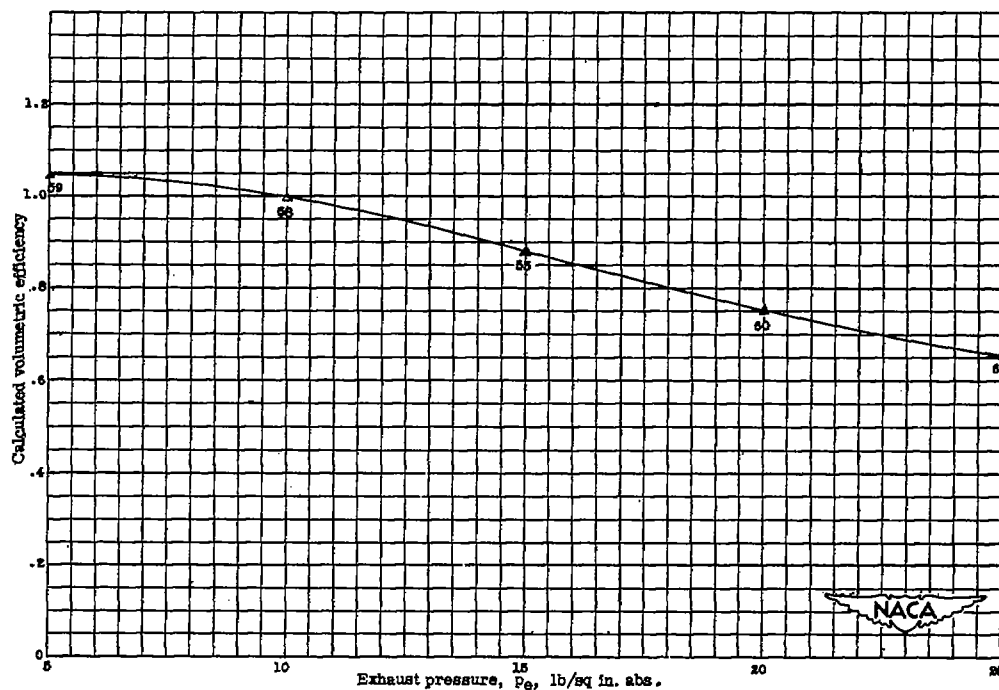
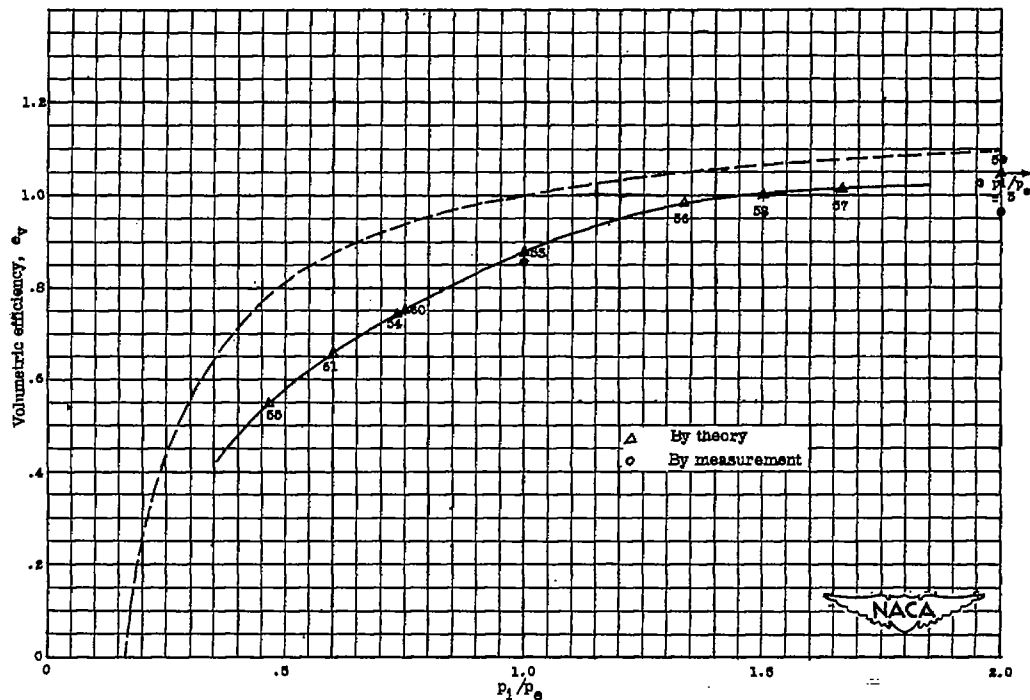


Figure 11.- Variation of calculated volumetric efficiency with exhaust pressure. Inlet pressure, 15 pounds per square inch absolute. Numbers refer to solutions.



(a) Varying  $P_1/P_e$  ratio.

Figure 12.- Variation of volumetric efficiency with pressure ratio. CFR engine; large inlet valve, large lift; standard exhaust valve; engine speed, 2500 rpm; inlet opens,  $30^\circ$  B.T.C., inlet closes,  $80^\circ$  A.B.C., exhaust opens,  $58^\circ$  B.B.C., exhaust closes,  $28^\circ$  A.T.C. Dashed curve represents the equation  $e_v = 1 + \frac{1 - (P_e/P_1)}{k_1(r-1)}$  where  $k_1(r-1) = 5.23$ .

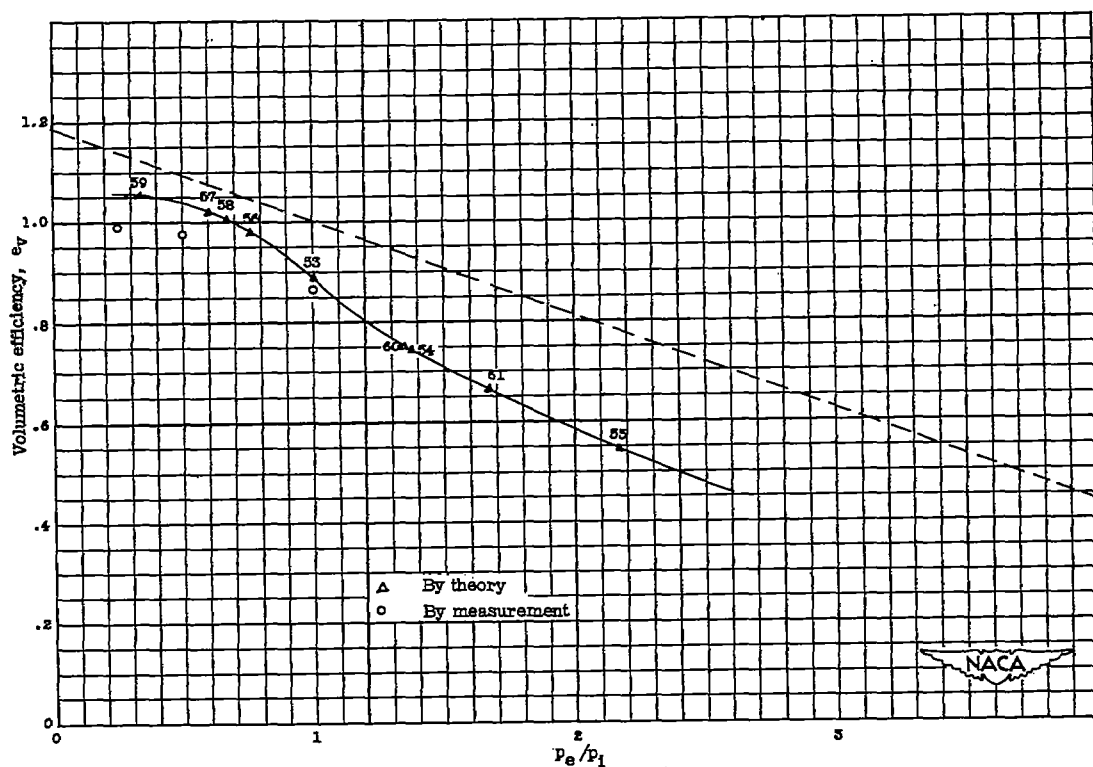
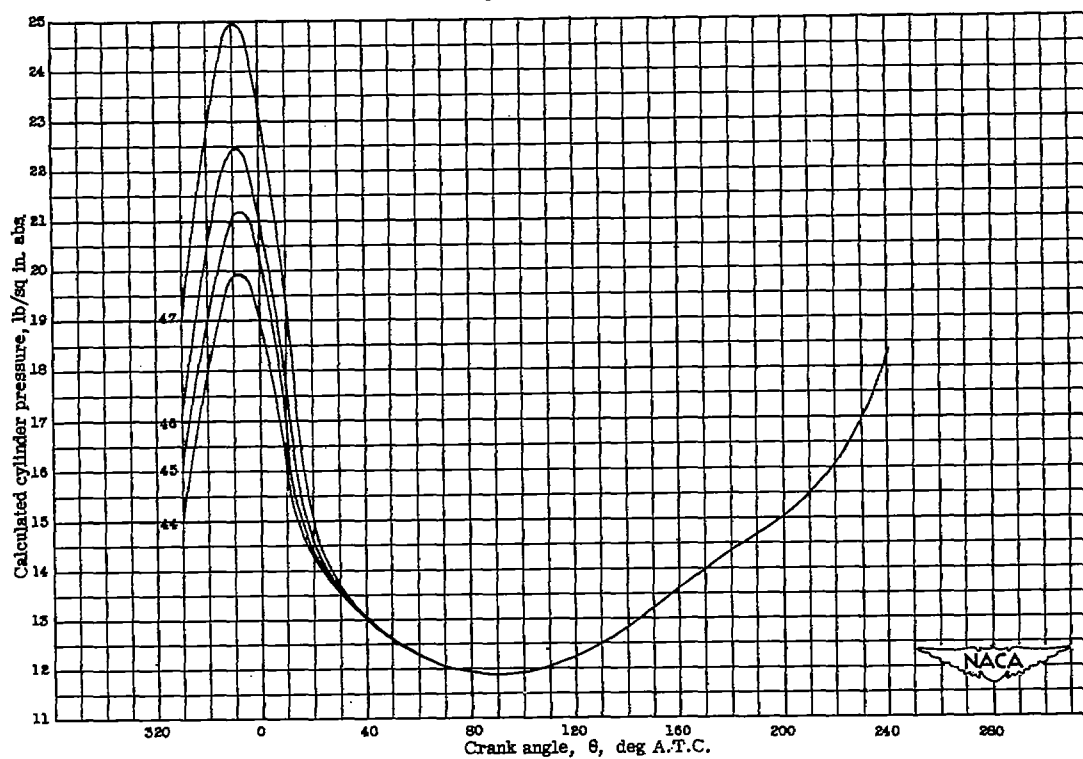
(b) Varying  $p_e/p_i$  ratio.

Figure 12.- Concluded.

Figure 13.- Calculated indicator diagrams for inlet processes. Varying initial pressure  $p_0$ . Numbers refer to solutions.

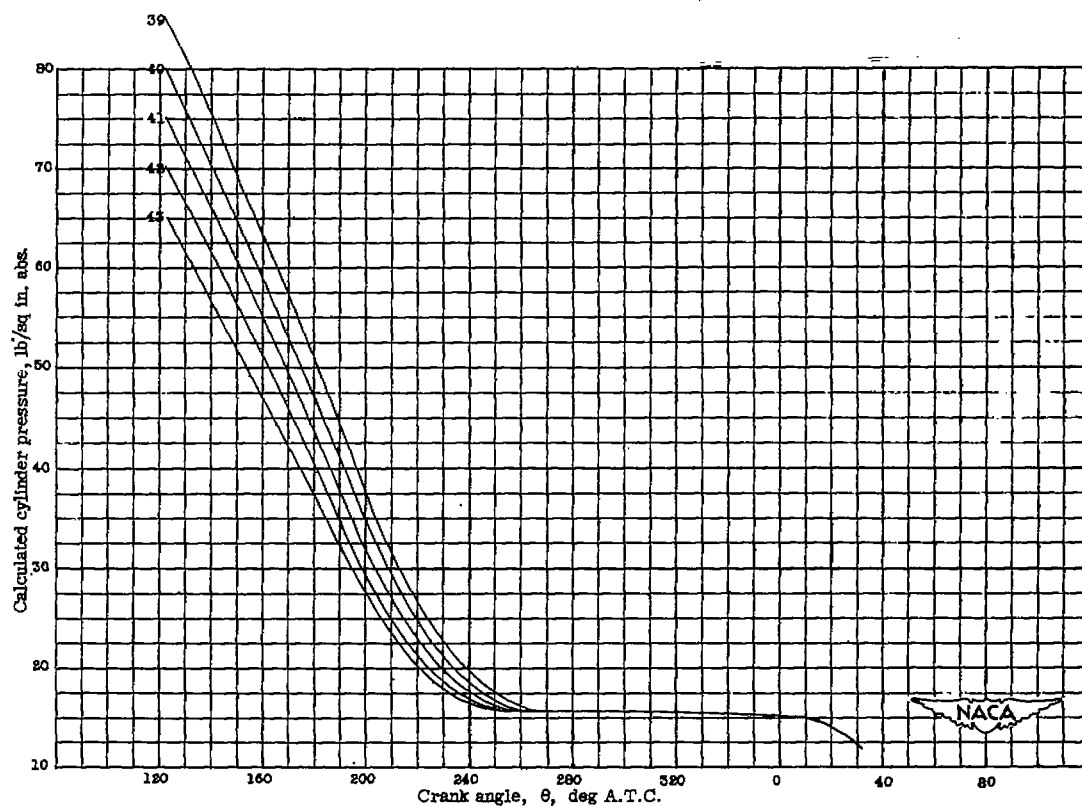


Figure 14.- Calculated indicator diagrams for exhaust processes. Varying initial pressure  $P_0$ .  
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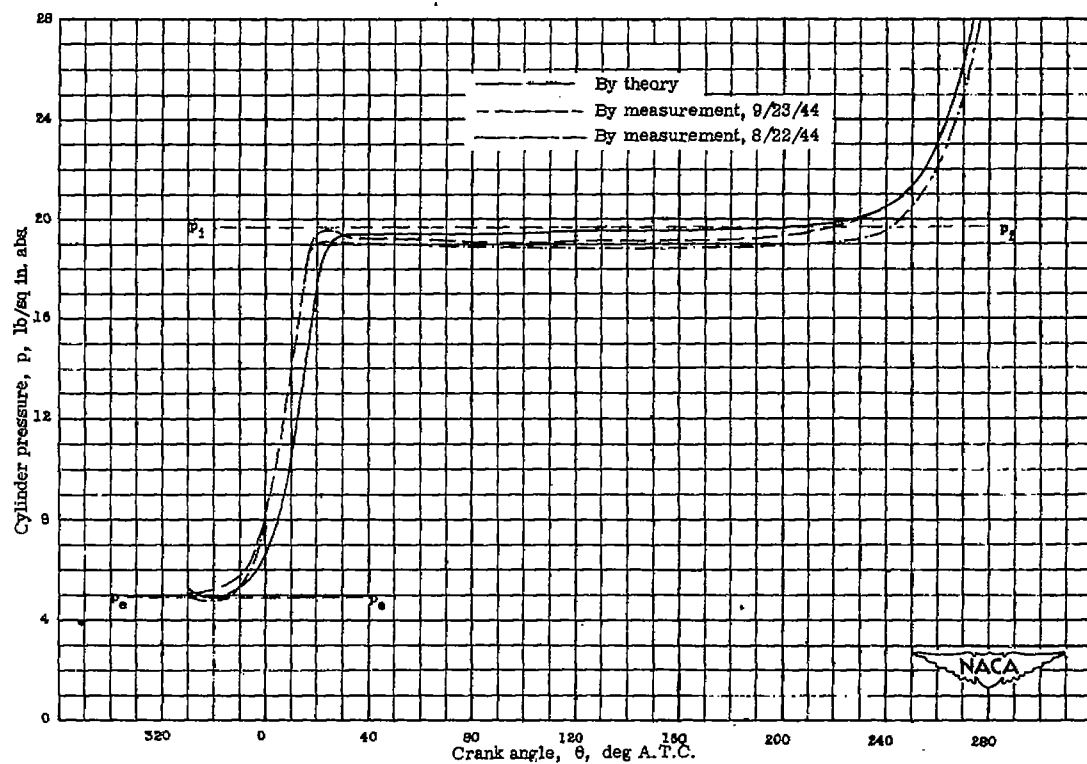


Figure 15.- Indicator diagram for solution 11. (See table II.)

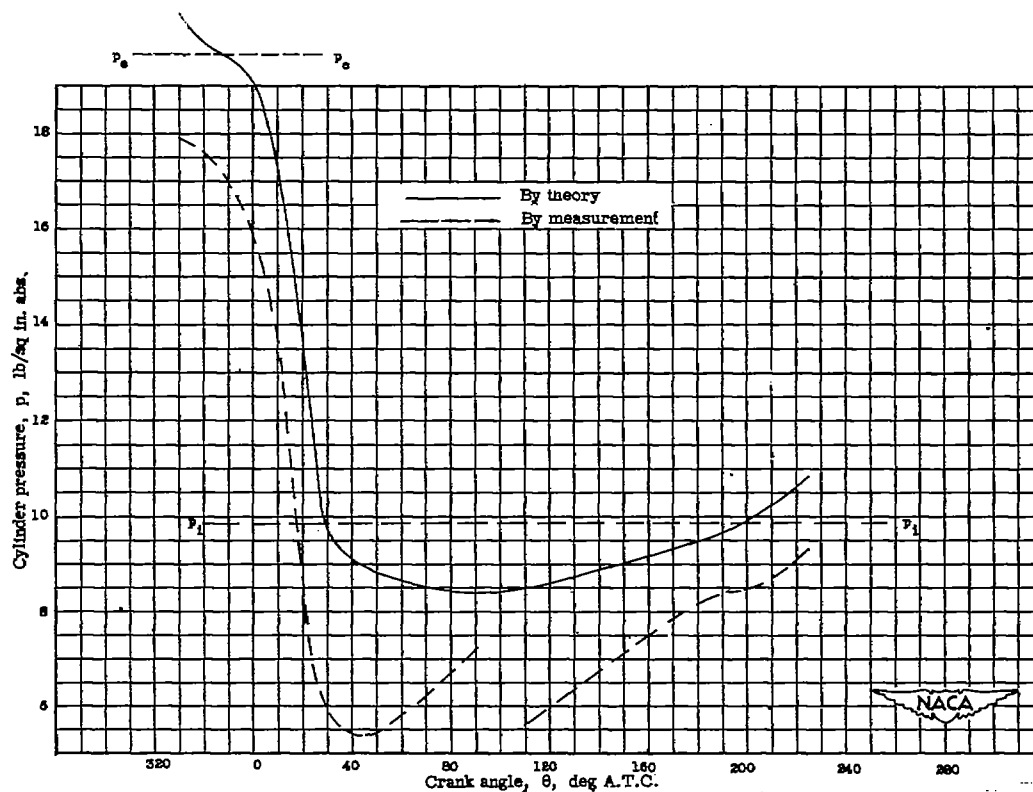


Figure 16.- Indicator diagram for solution 16. (See table II.)

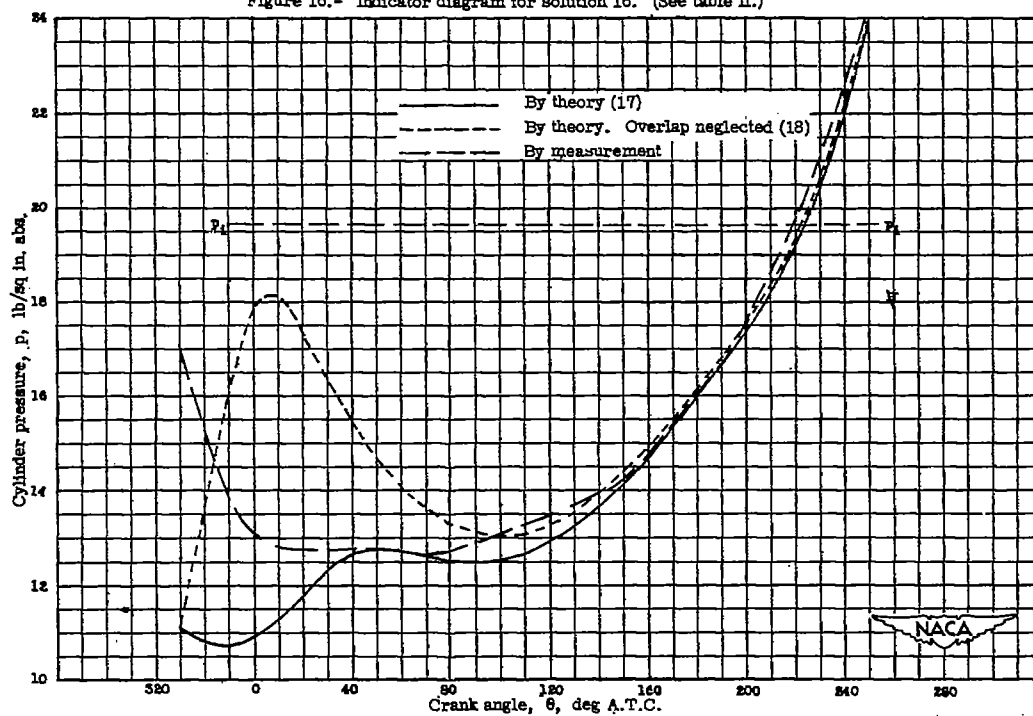


Figure 17.- Indicator diagrams for solutions 17 and 18. Exhaust pressure, 9.82 pounds per square inch absolute. (See table II.)

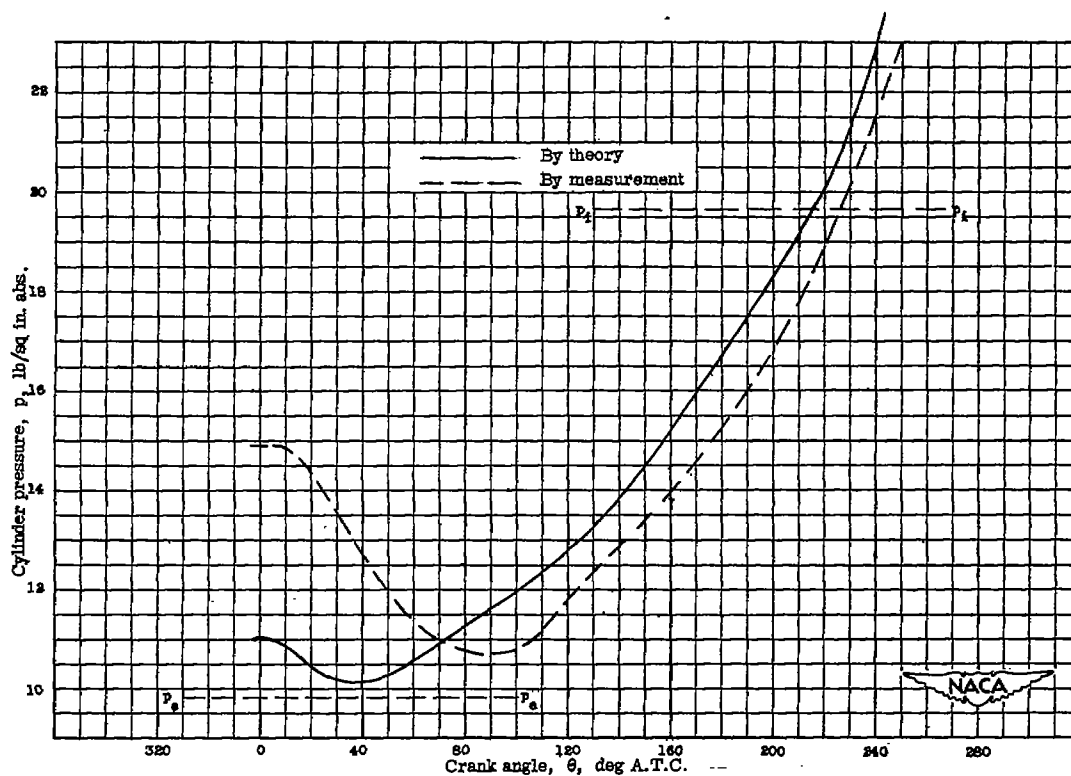


Figure 18.- Indicator diagram for solution 19.1. (See table II.)

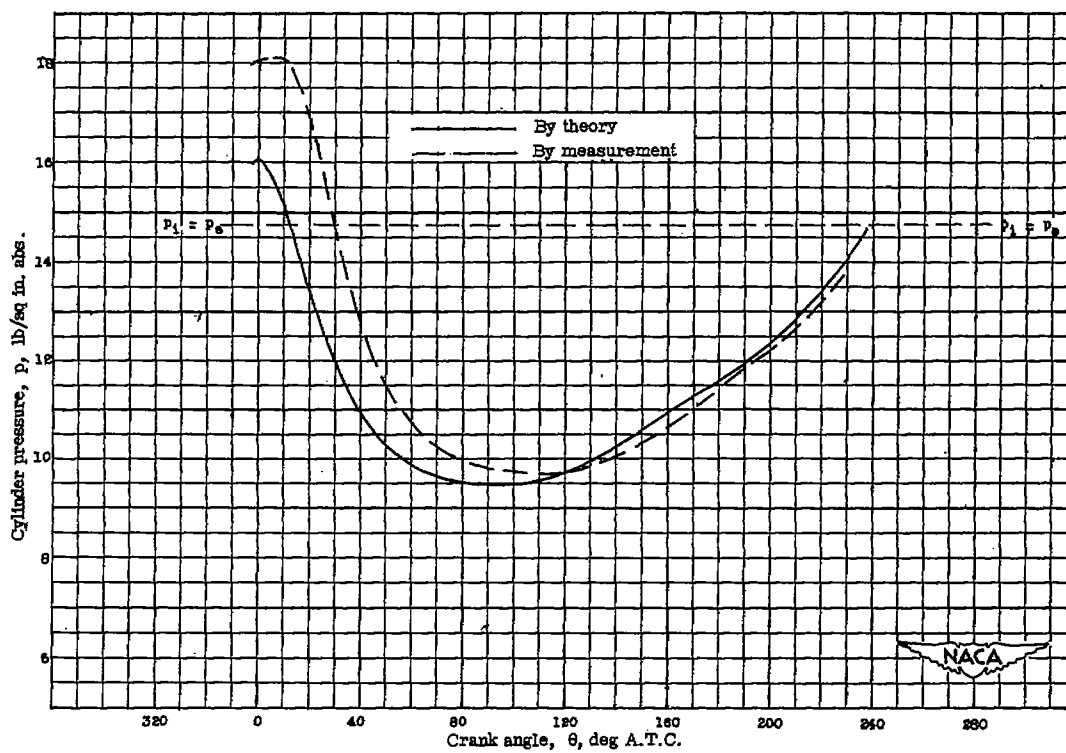


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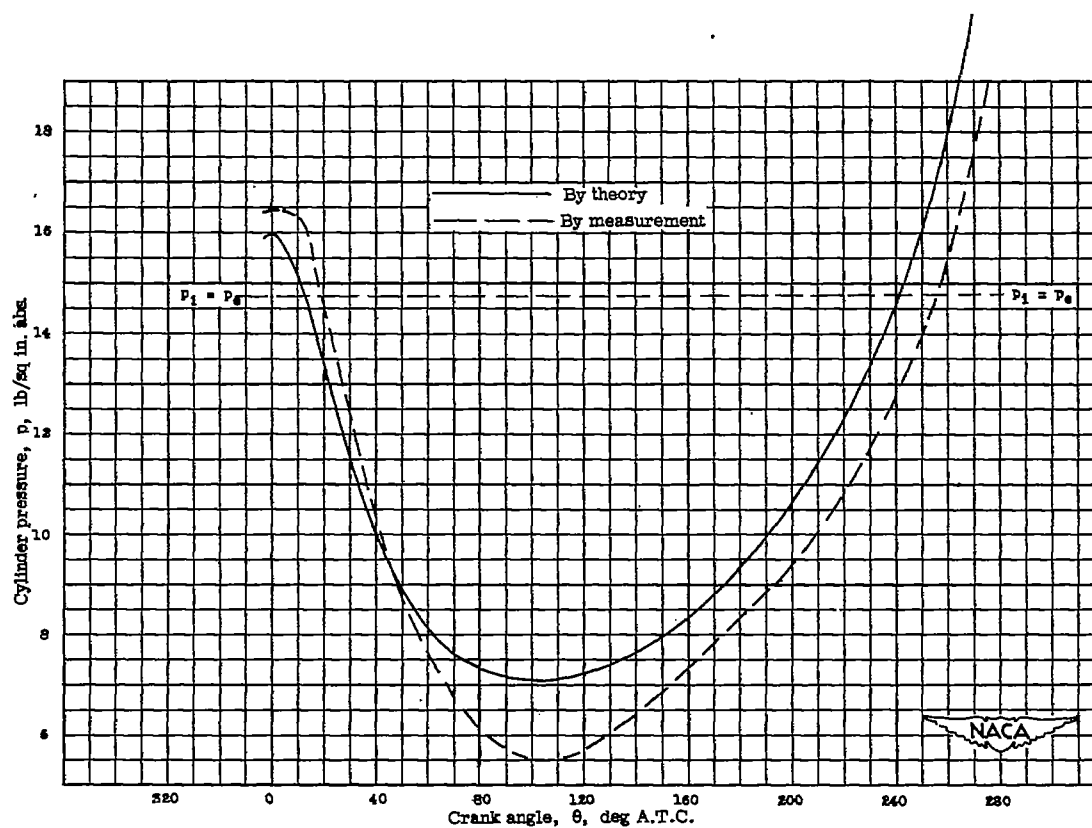


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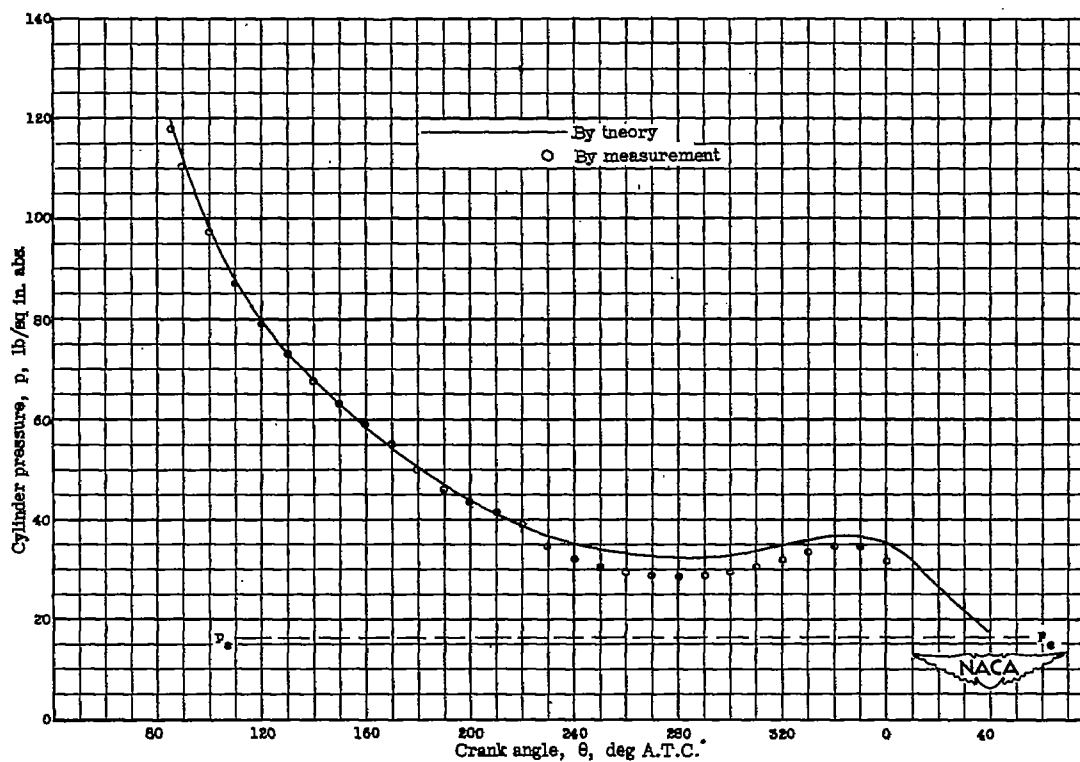


Figure 21.- Indicator diagram for solution 63. (See table II.)



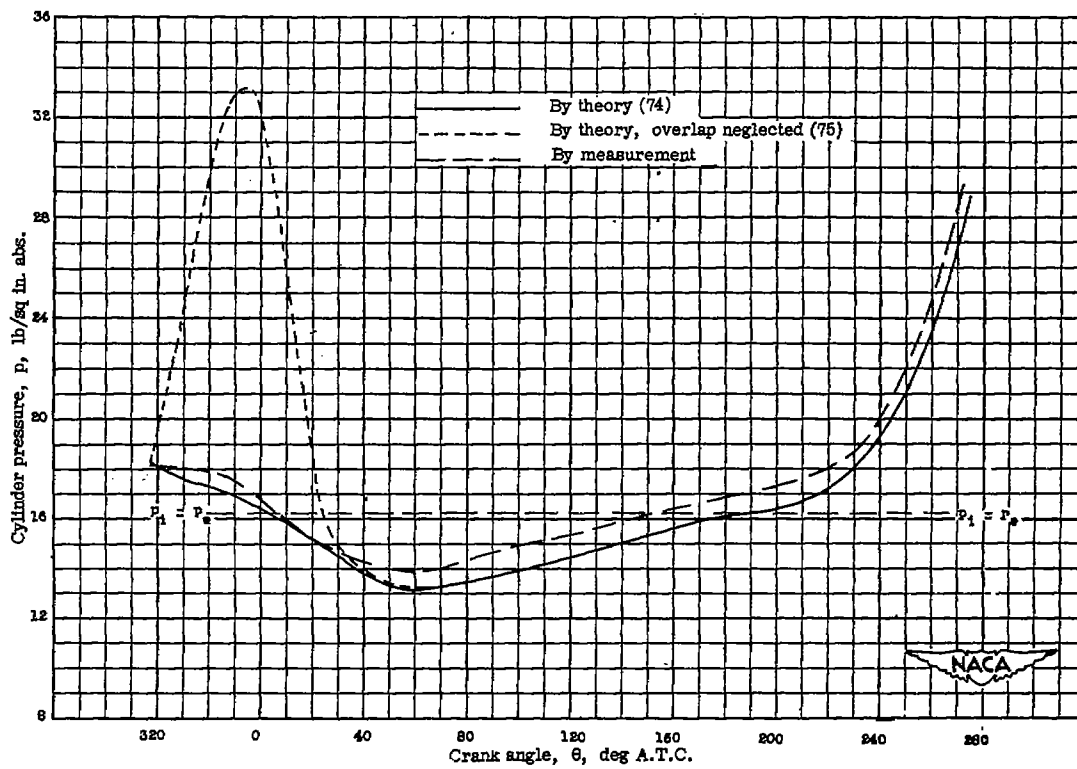


Figure 22.- Indicator diagrams for solutions 74 and 75. (See table II.)

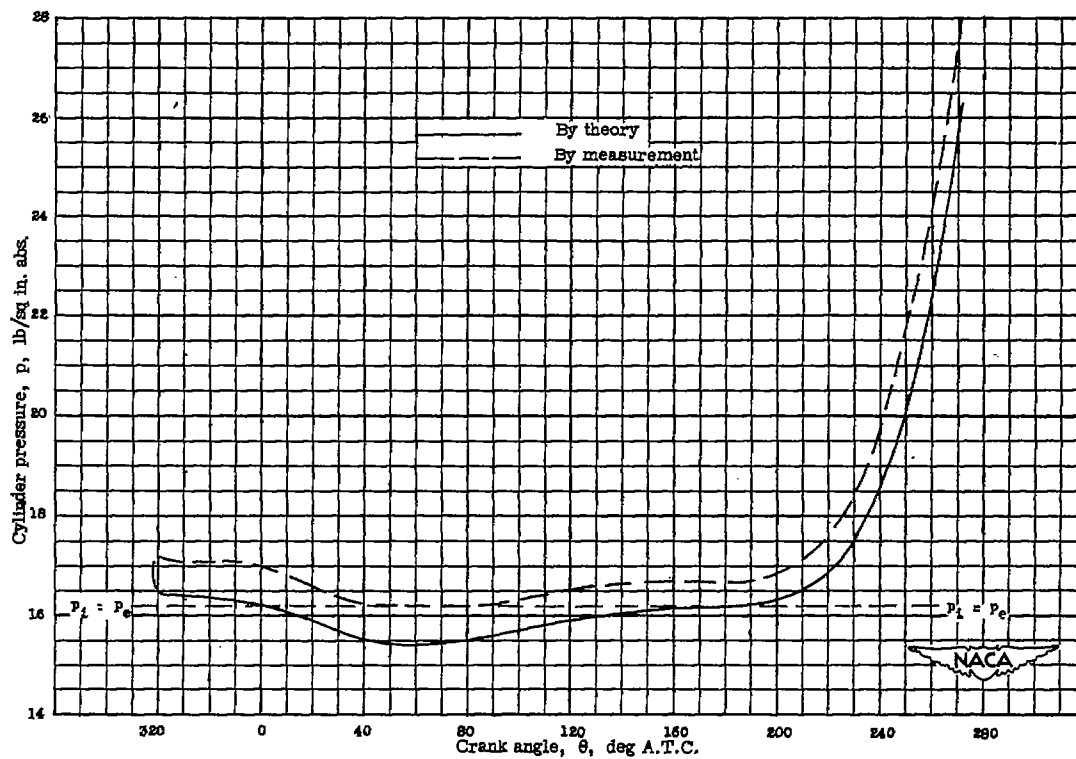


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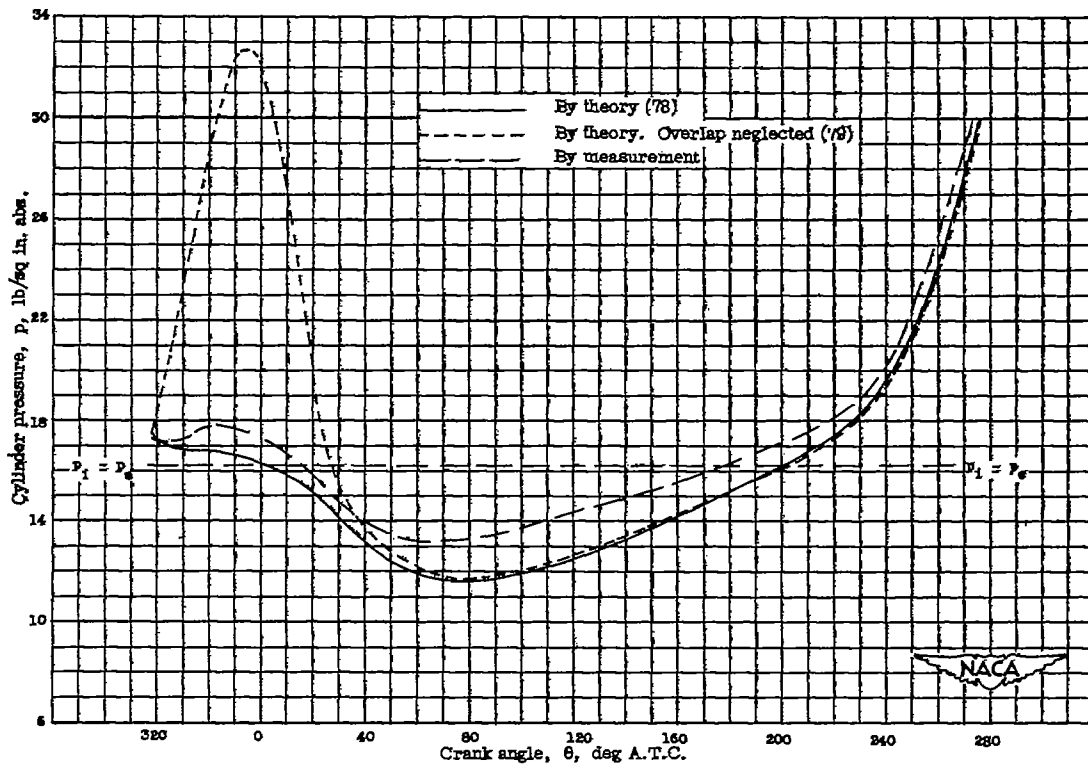


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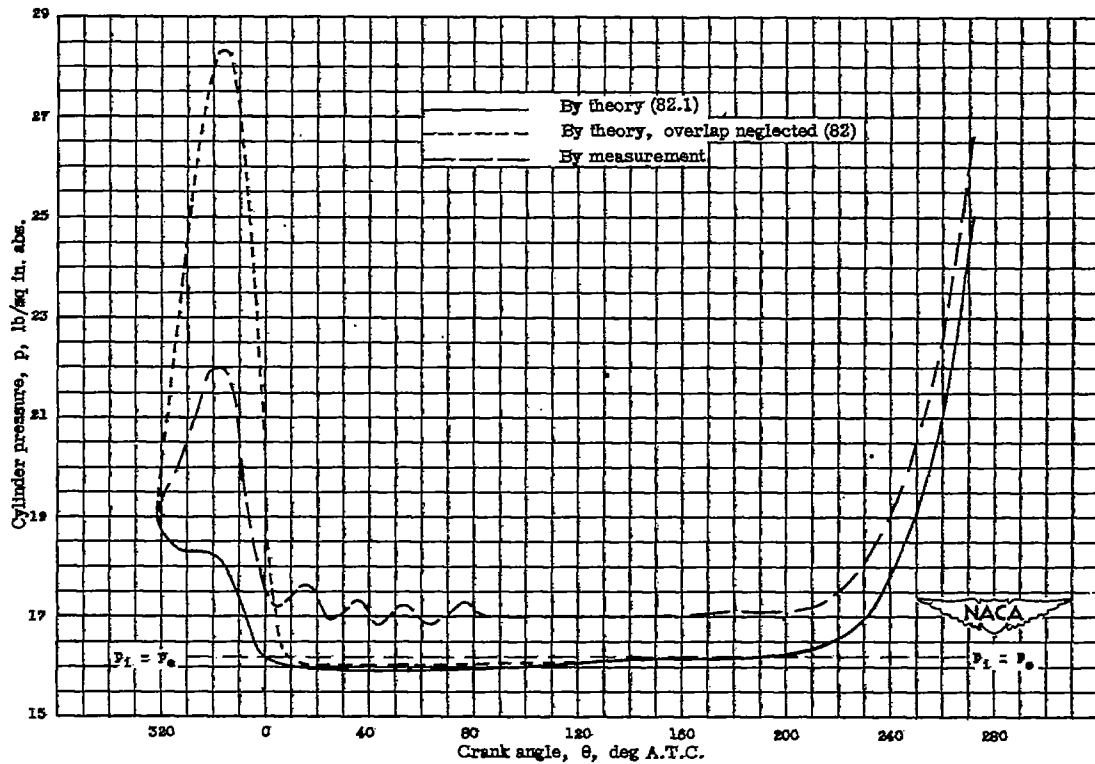


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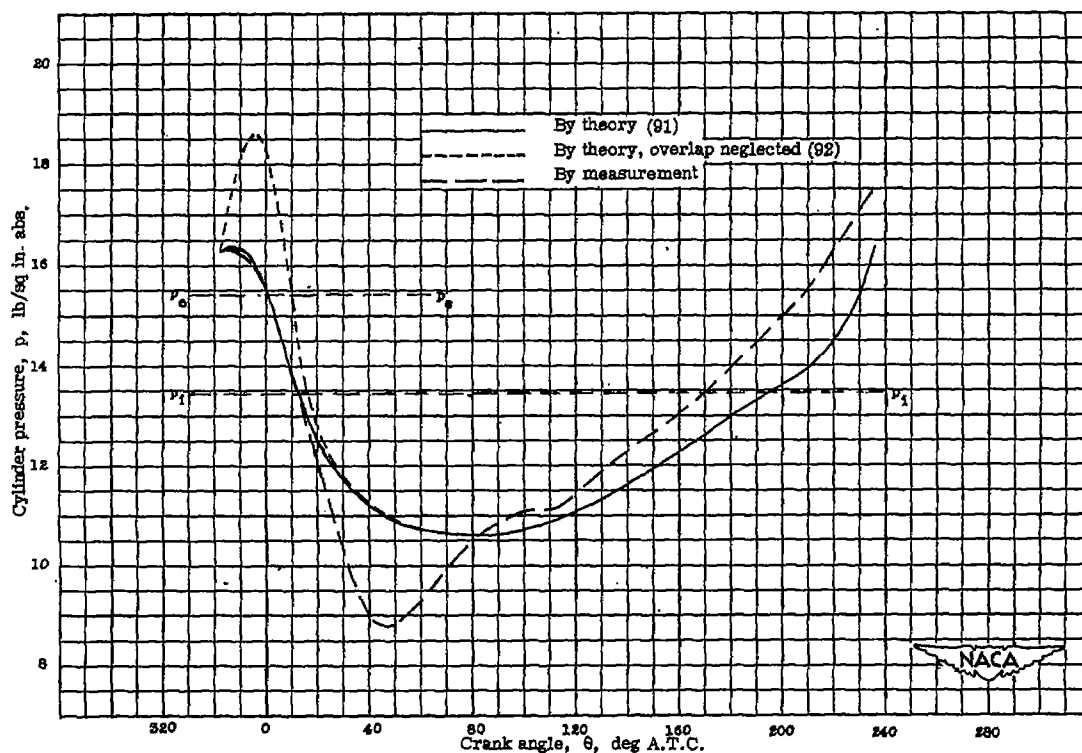


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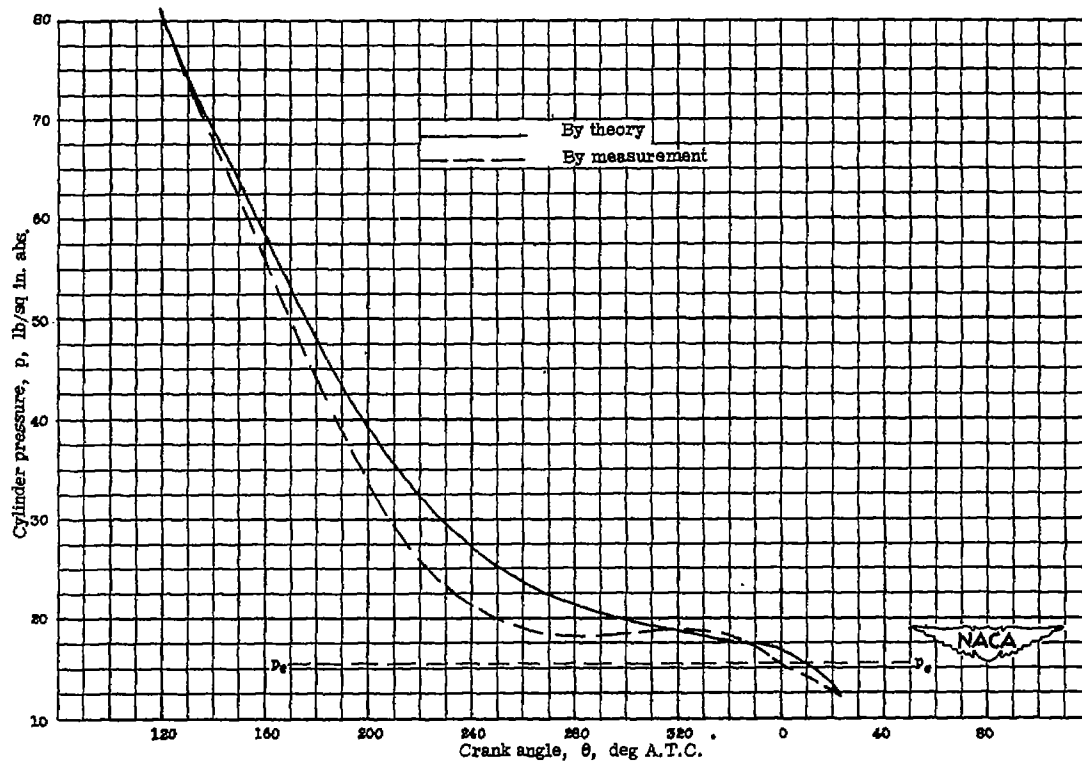


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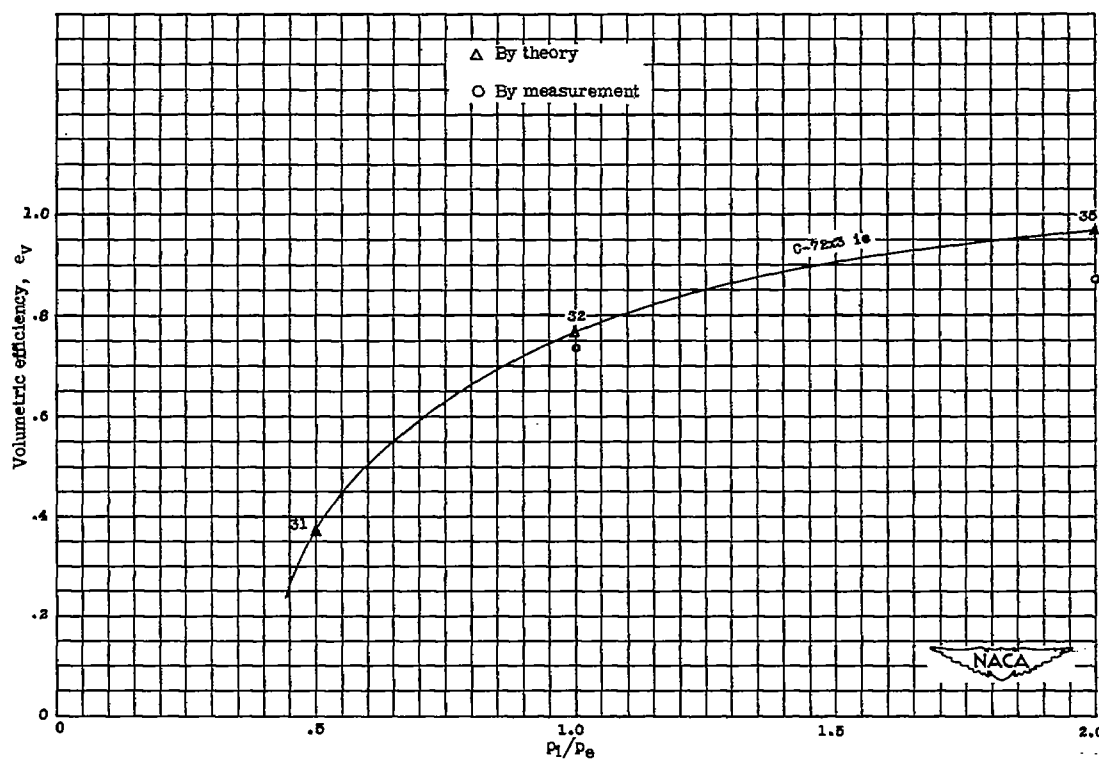


Figure 28.- Variation of volumetric efficiency with pressure ratio. Numbers refer to solutions.

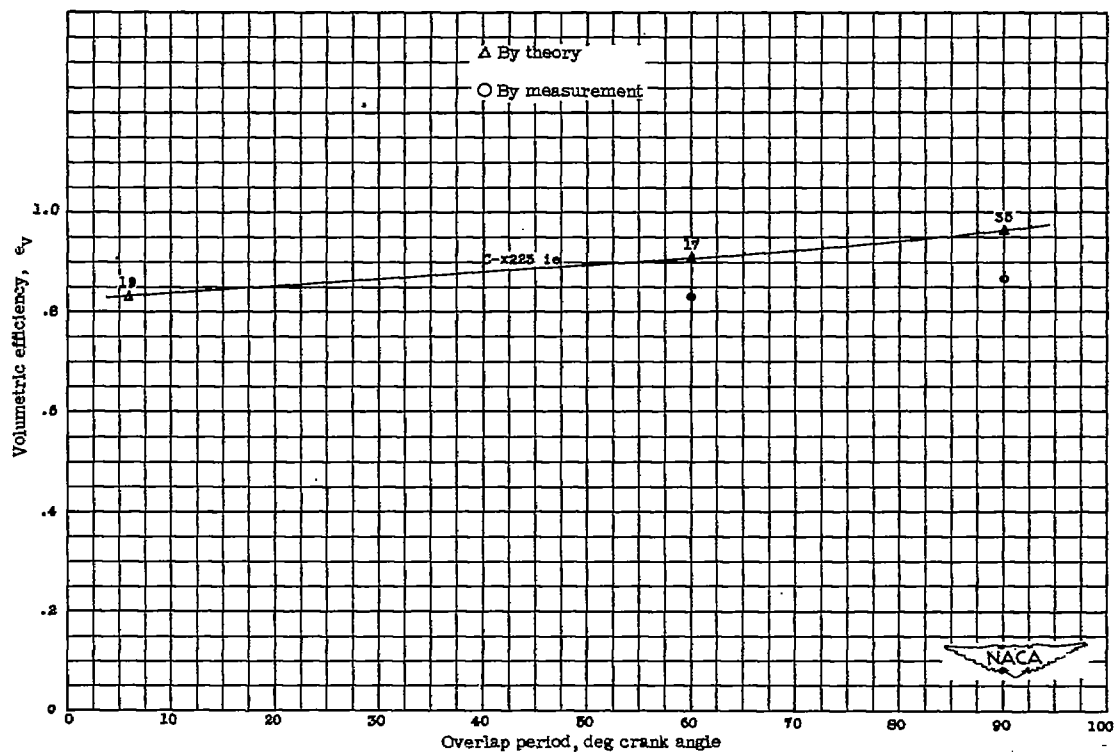


Figure 29.- Variation of volumetric efficiency with overlap period. Numbers refer to solutions.

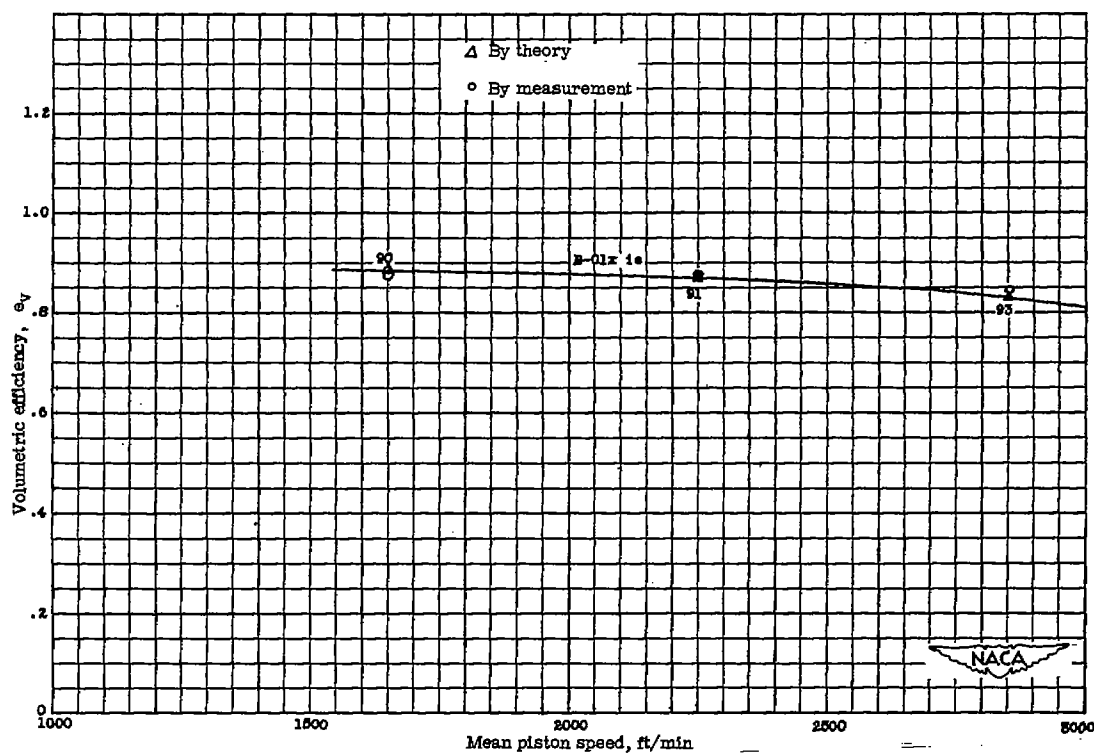


Figure 30.- Variation of volumetric efficiency with mean piston speed. Bore-stroke engine; inlet pressure, 27.4 inches of mercury; exhaust pressure, 31.4 inches of mercury. Numbers refer to solutions.

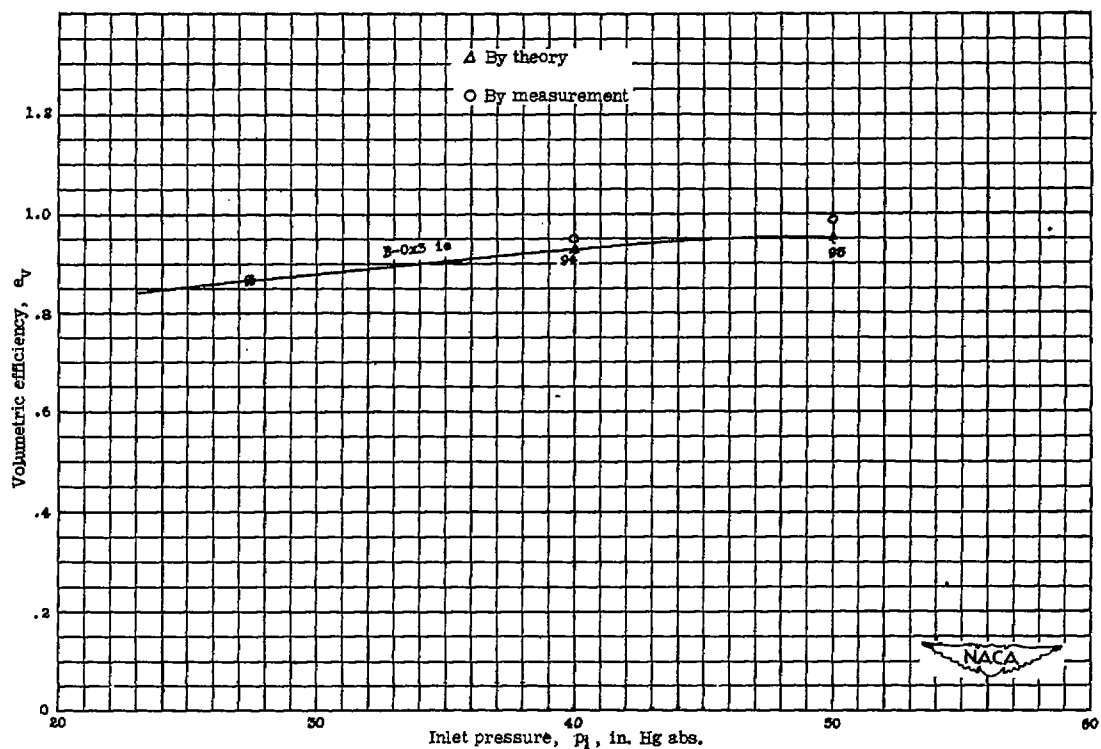


Figure 31.- Variation of volumetric efficiency with inlet pressure. Bore-stroke engine; mean piston speed, 2400 feet per minute. Numbers refer to solutions.

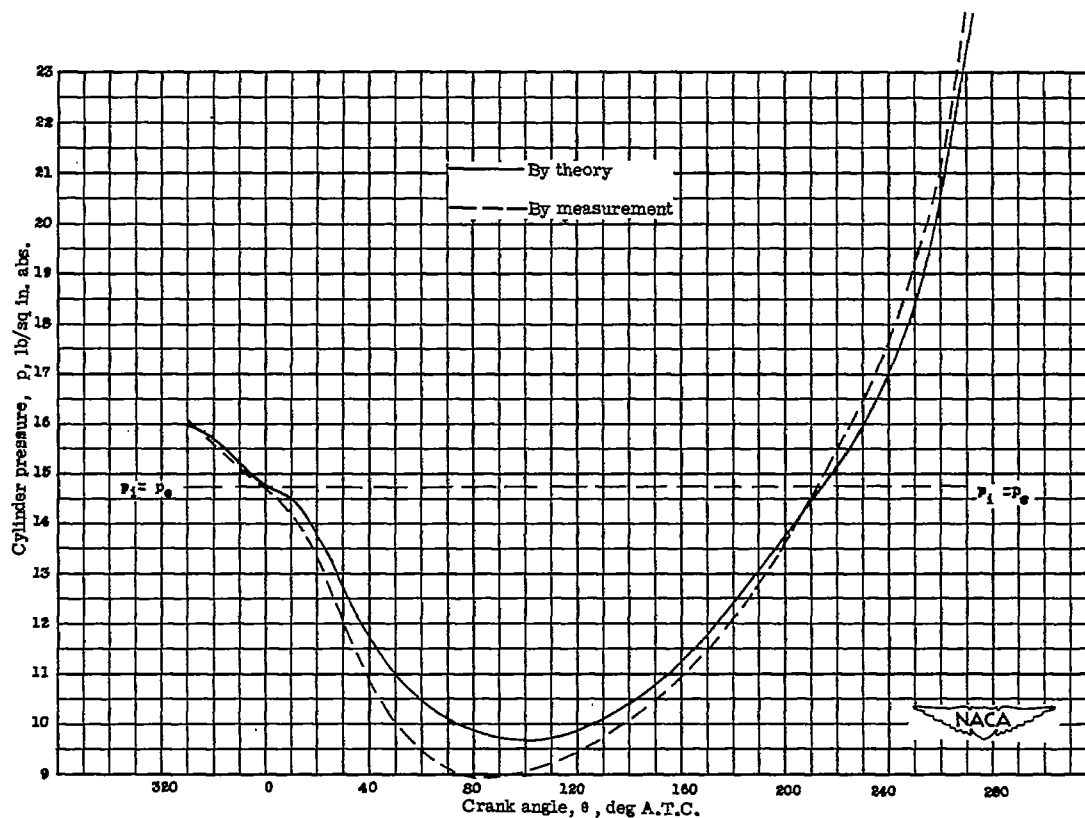


Figure 32.- Indicator diagram for solution 7. (See table II.)

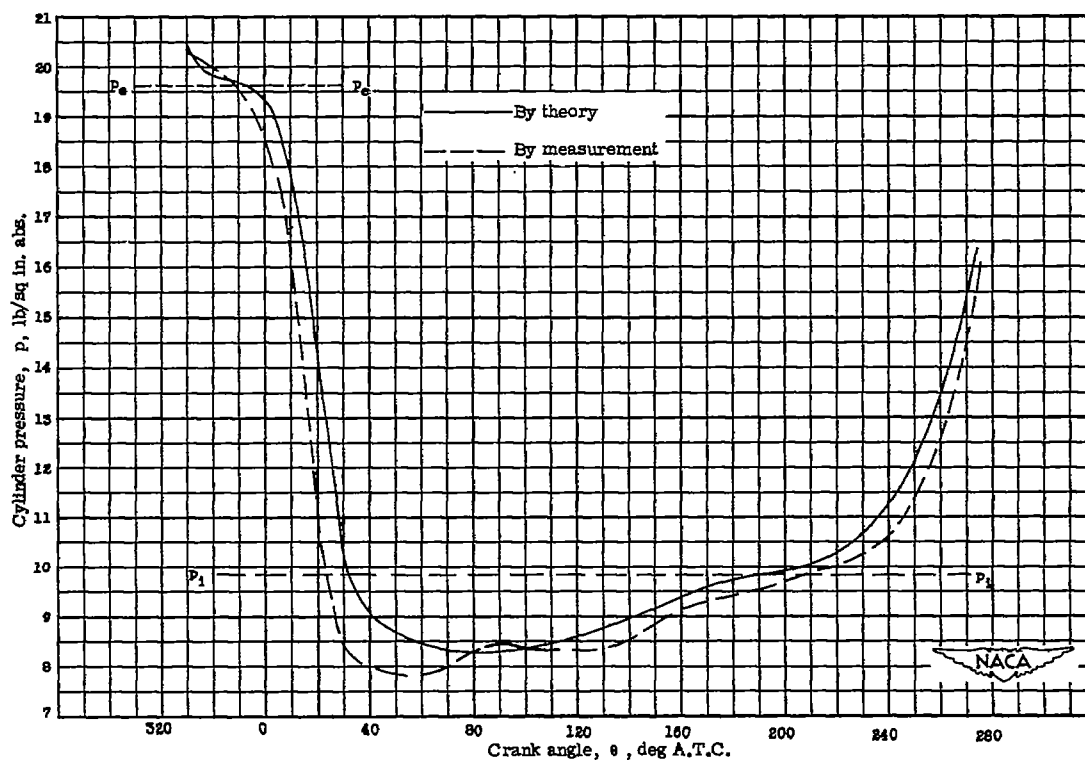


Figure 33.- Indicator diagram for solution 9. (See table II.)

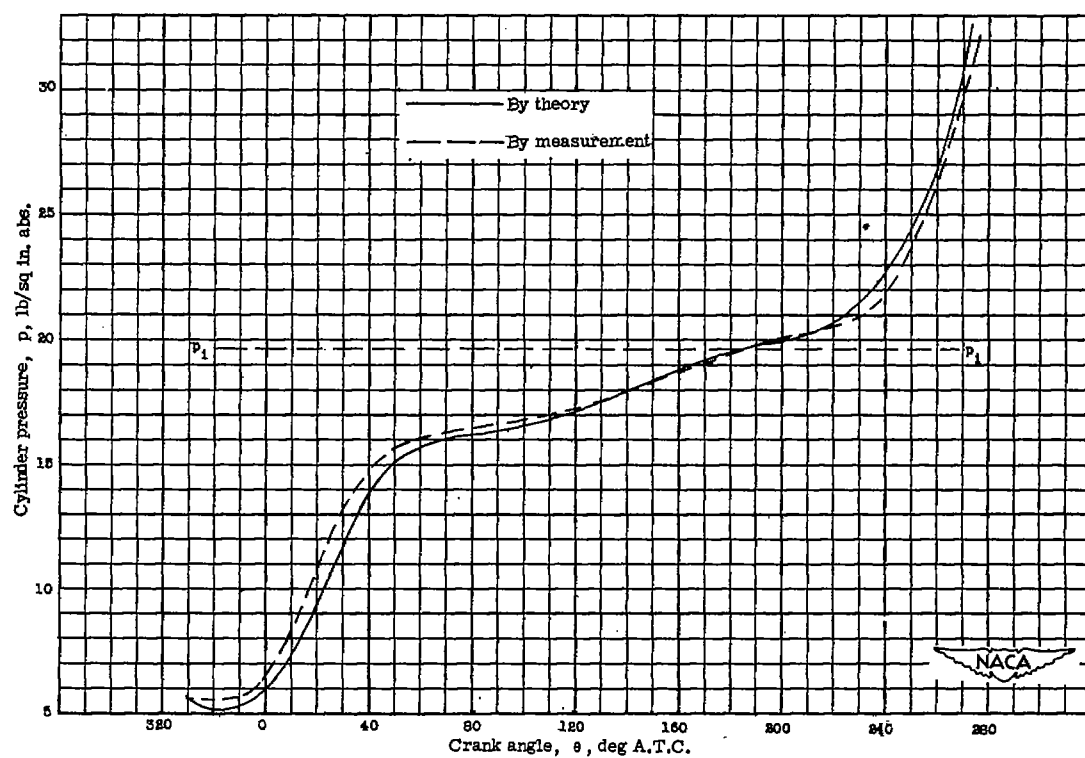


Figure 34.- Indicator diagram for solution 10. Exhaust pressure, 4.91 pounds per square inch absolute. (See table II.)

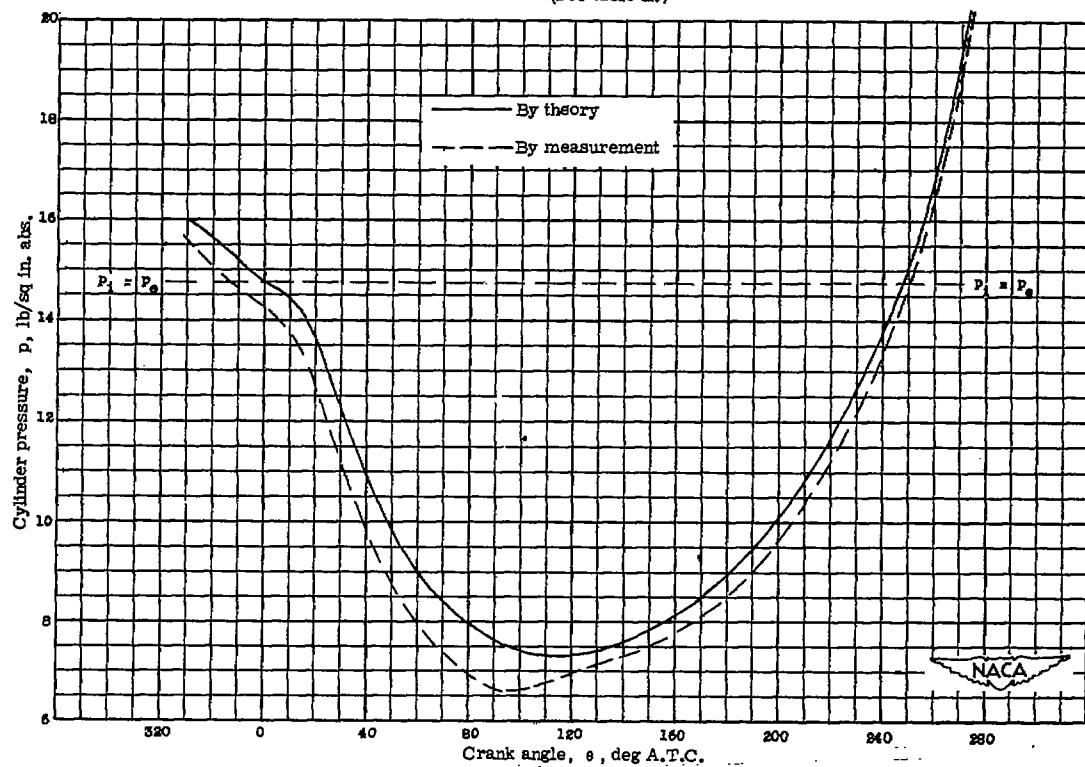


Figure 35.- Indicator diagram for solution 13. (See table II.)

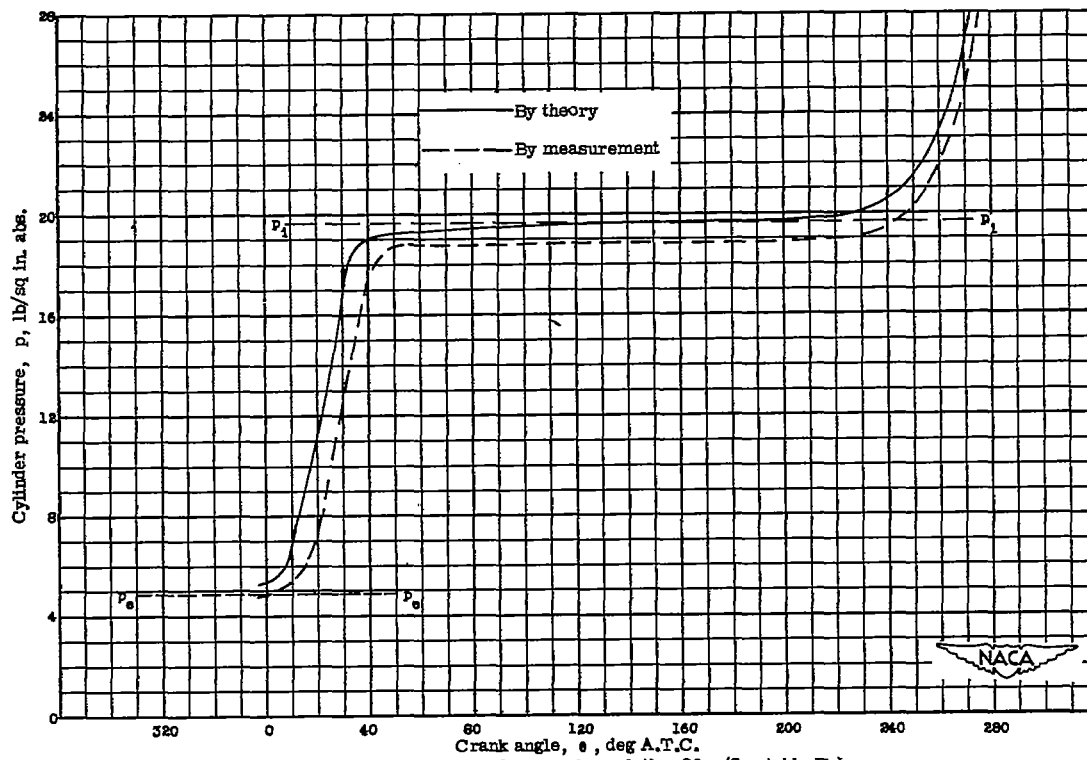


Figure 36.- Indicator diagram for solution 23. (See table II.)

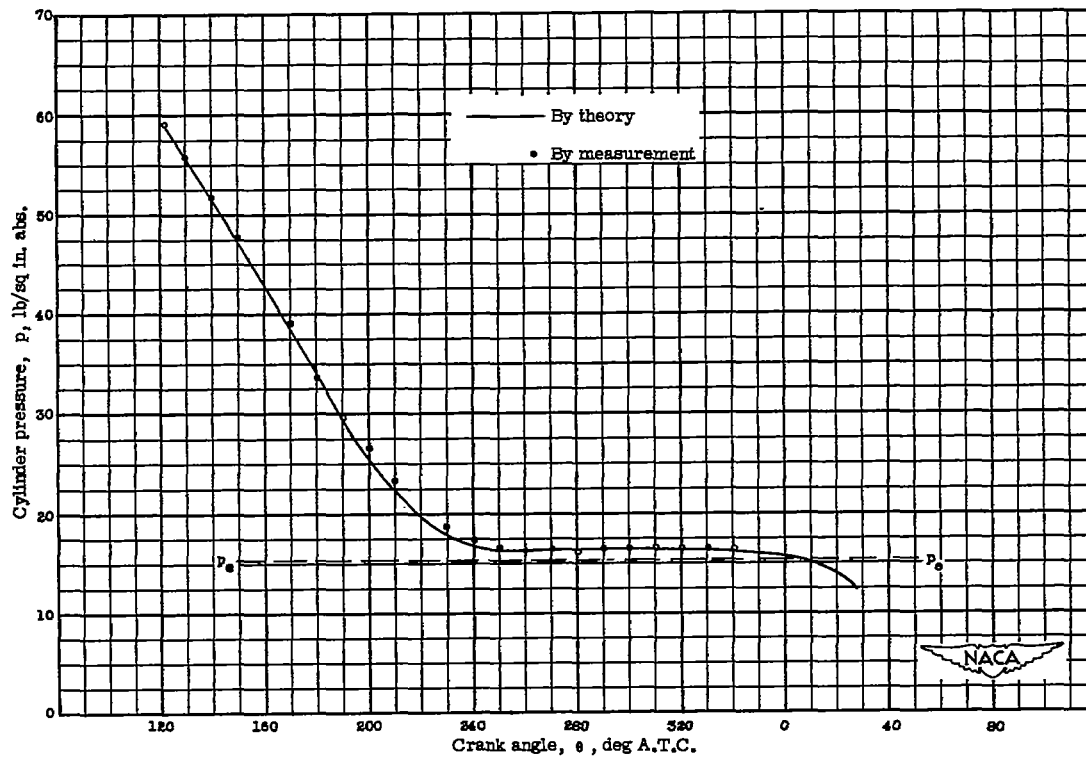


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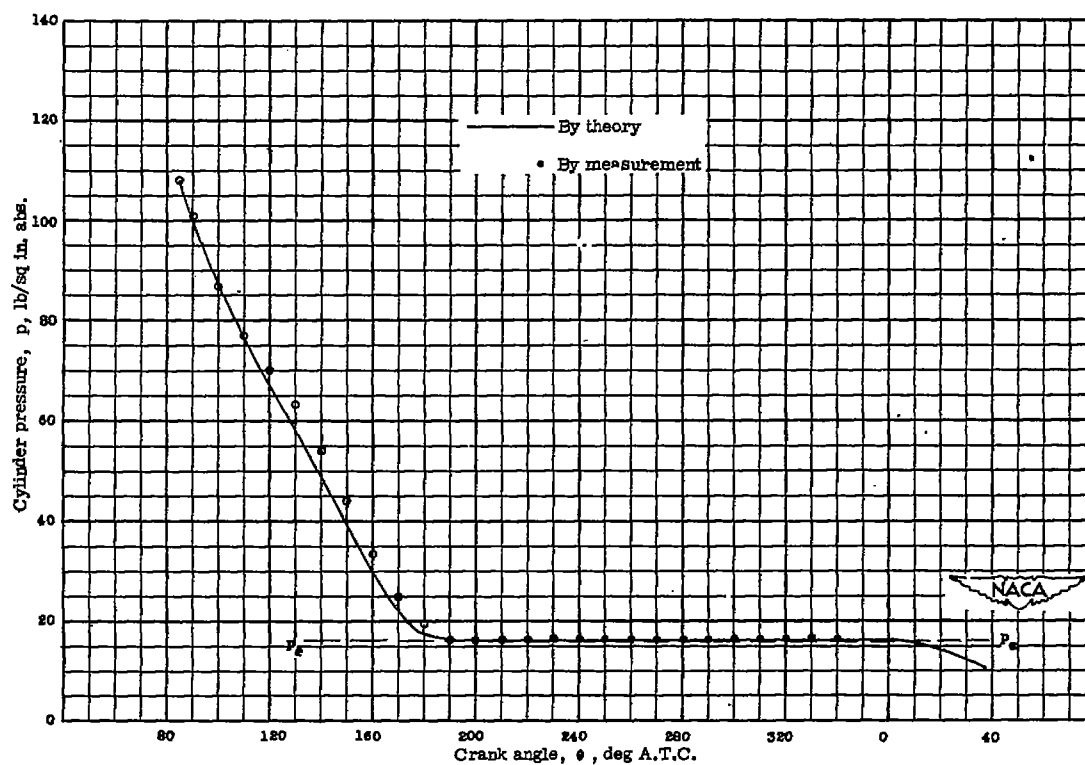


Figure 38.- Indicator diagram for solution 62. (See table II.)

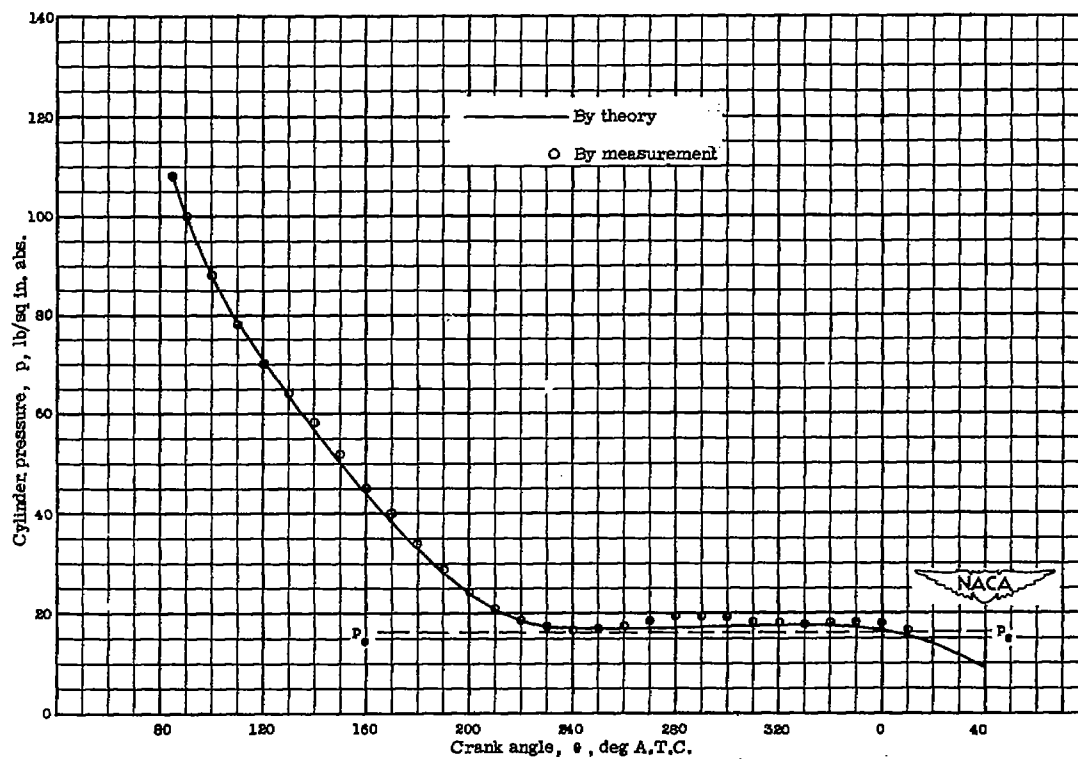


Figure 39.- Indicator diagram for solution 66. (See table II.)

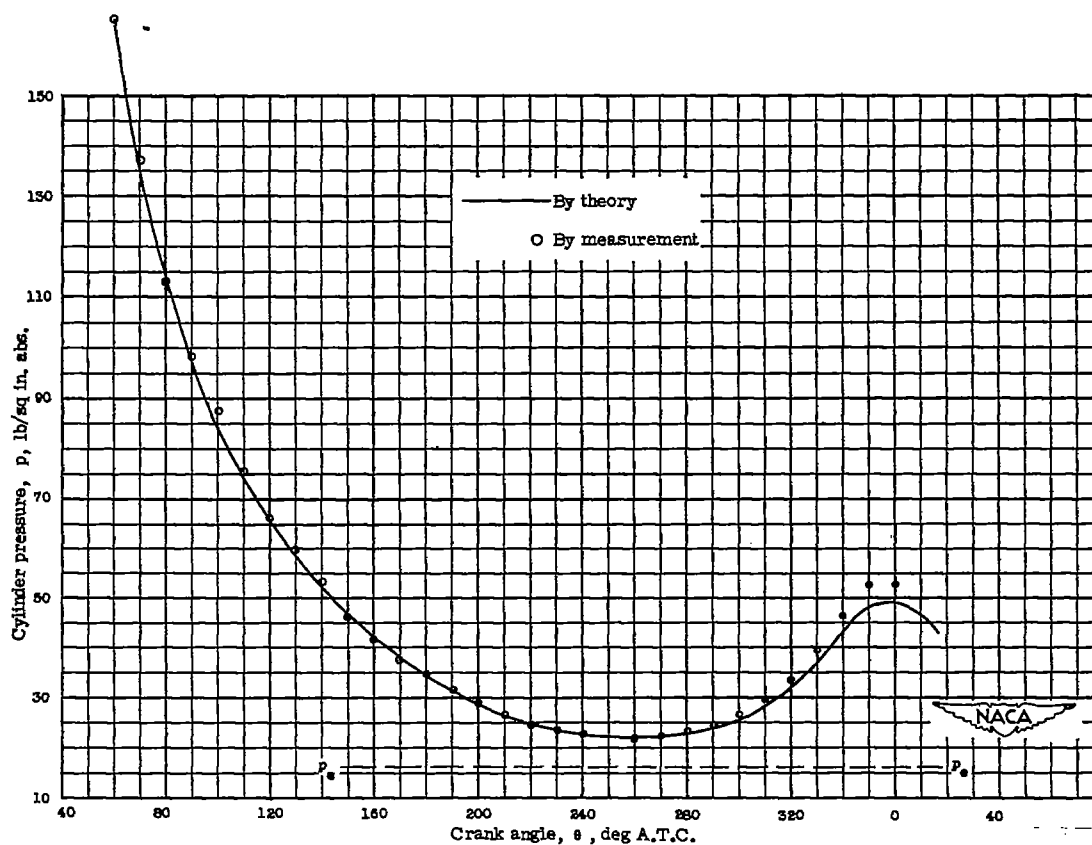


Figure 40.- Indicator diagram for solution 87. (See table II.)

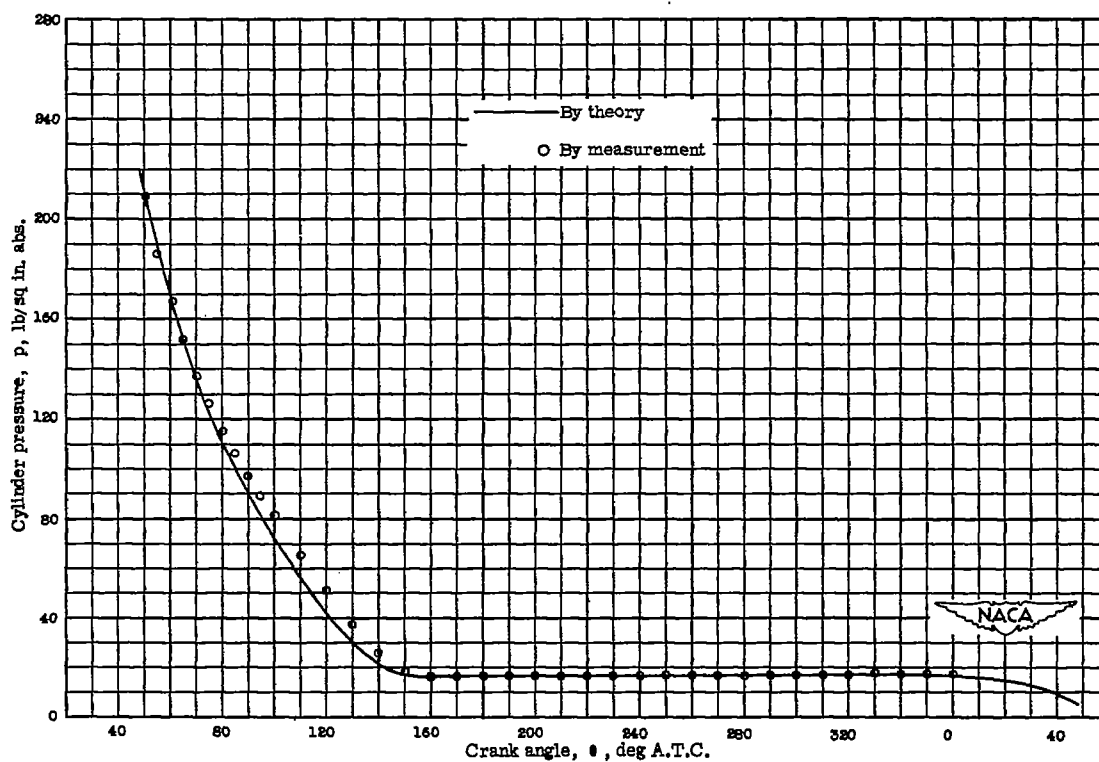


Figure 41.- Indicator diagram for solution 88. (See table II.)

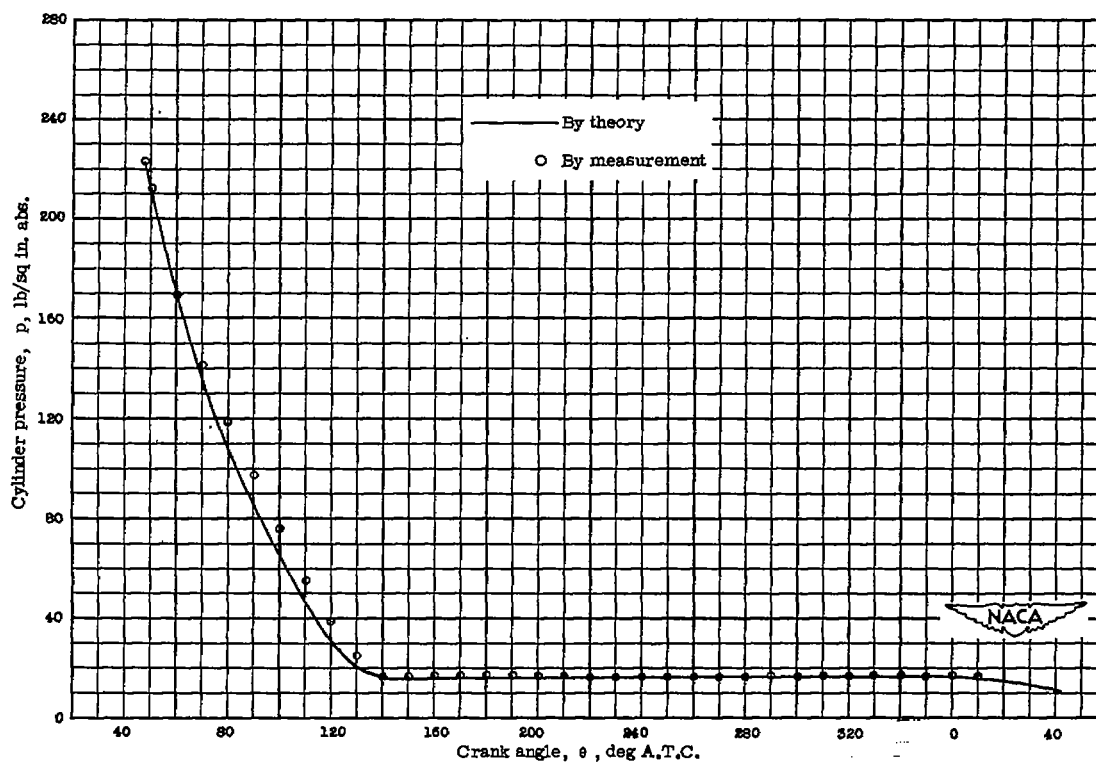


Figure 42.- Indicator diagram for solution 70. (See table II.)

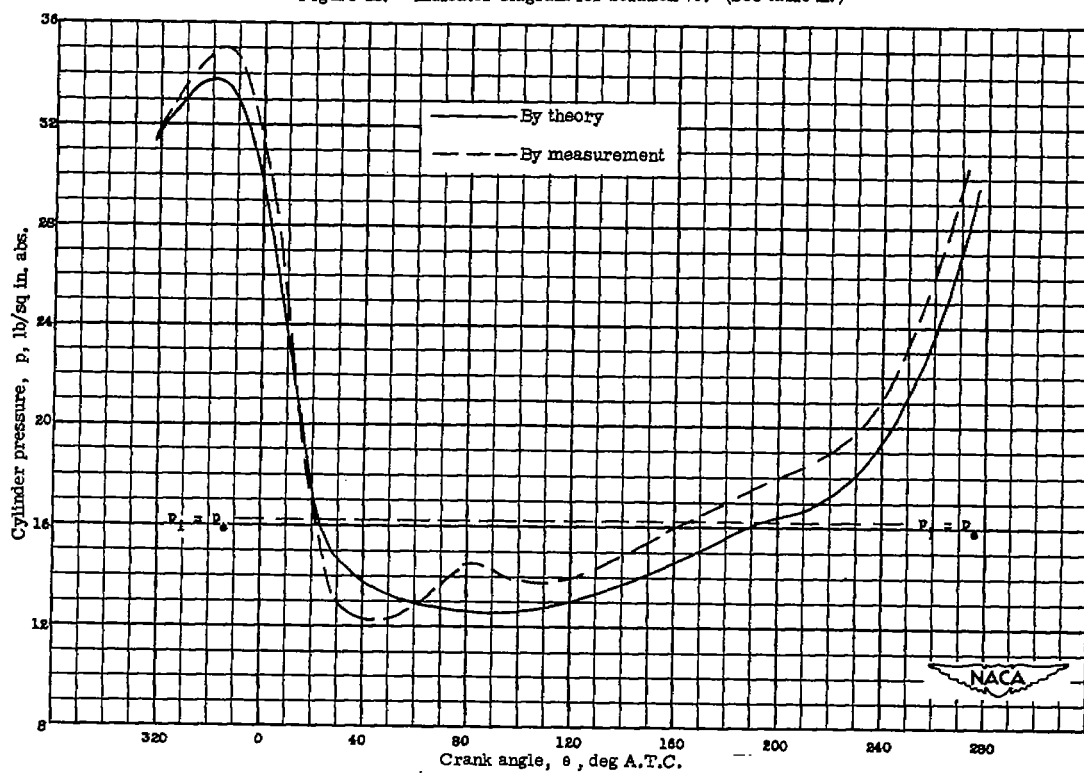


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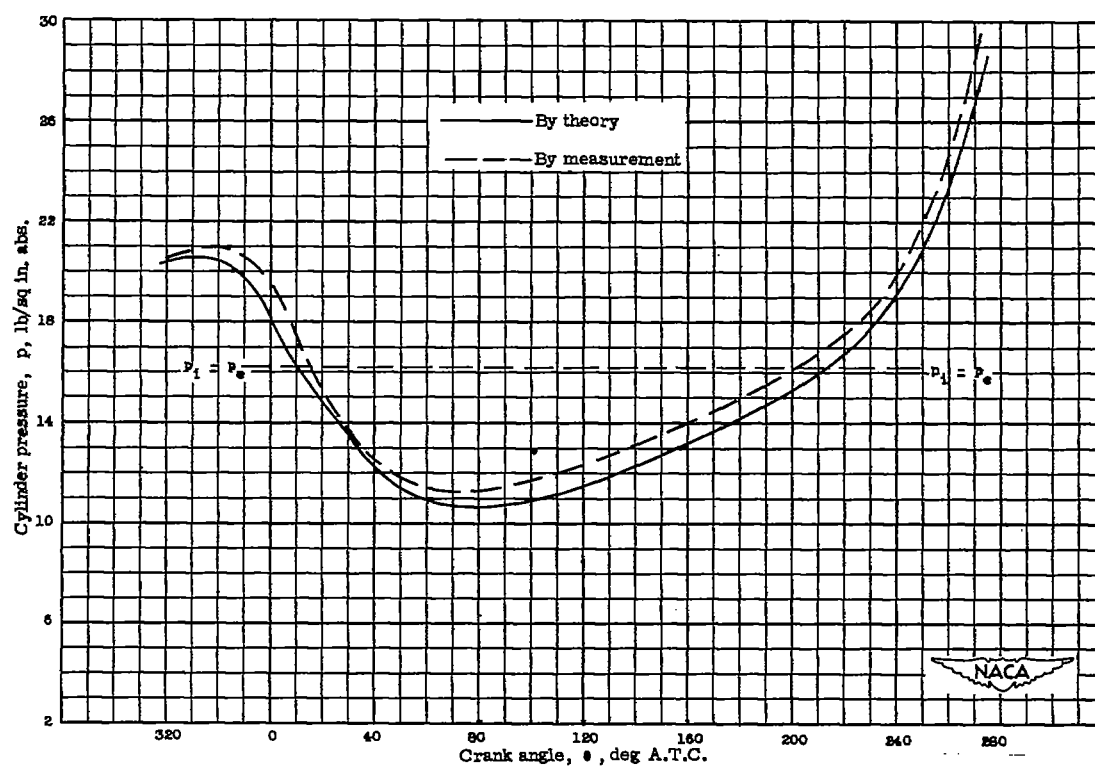


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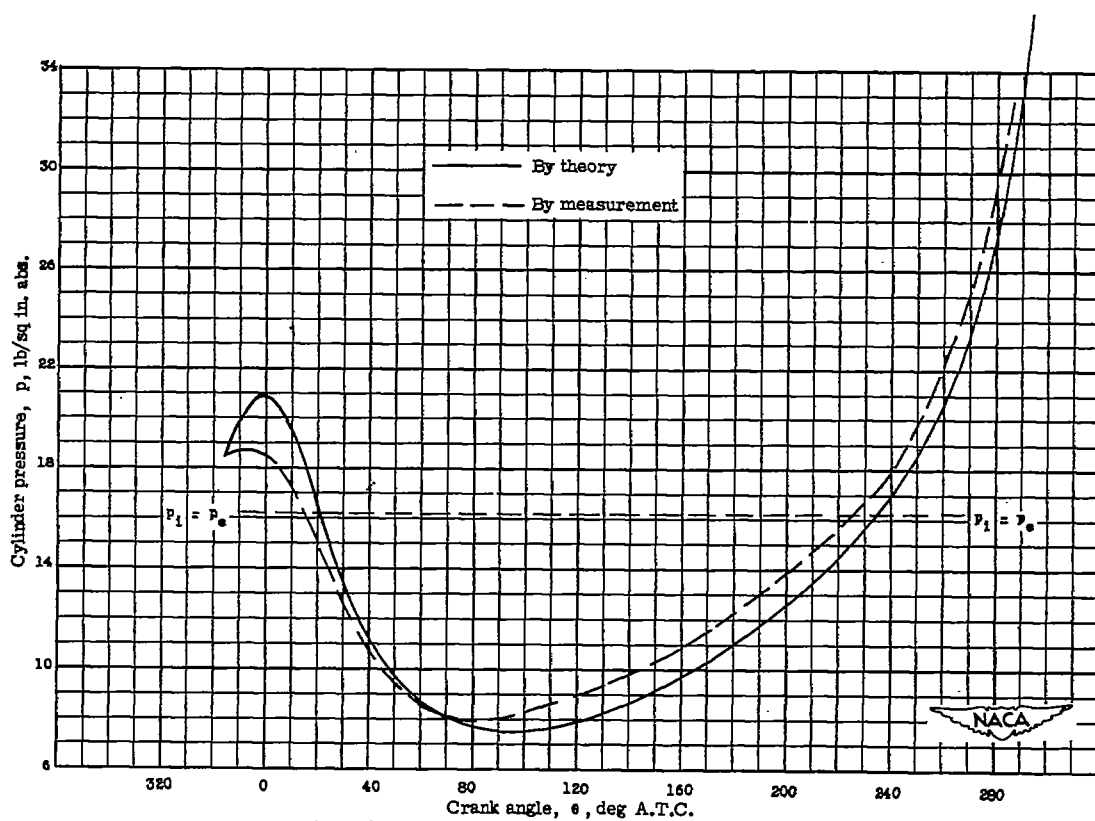


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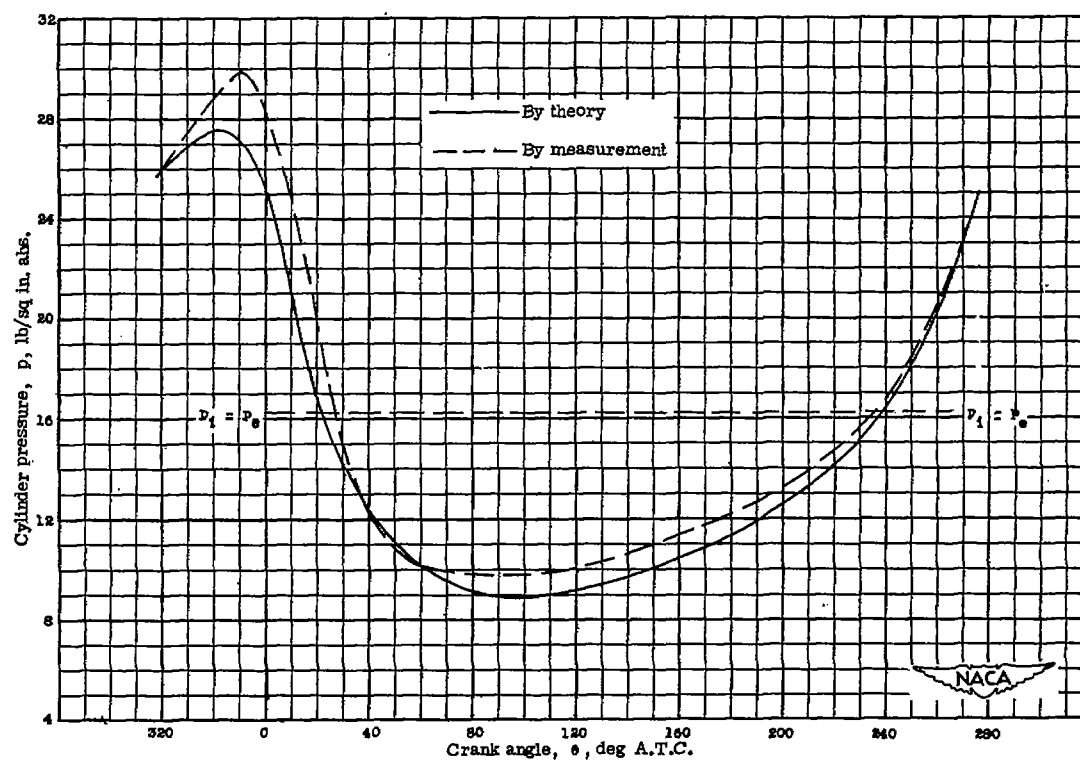


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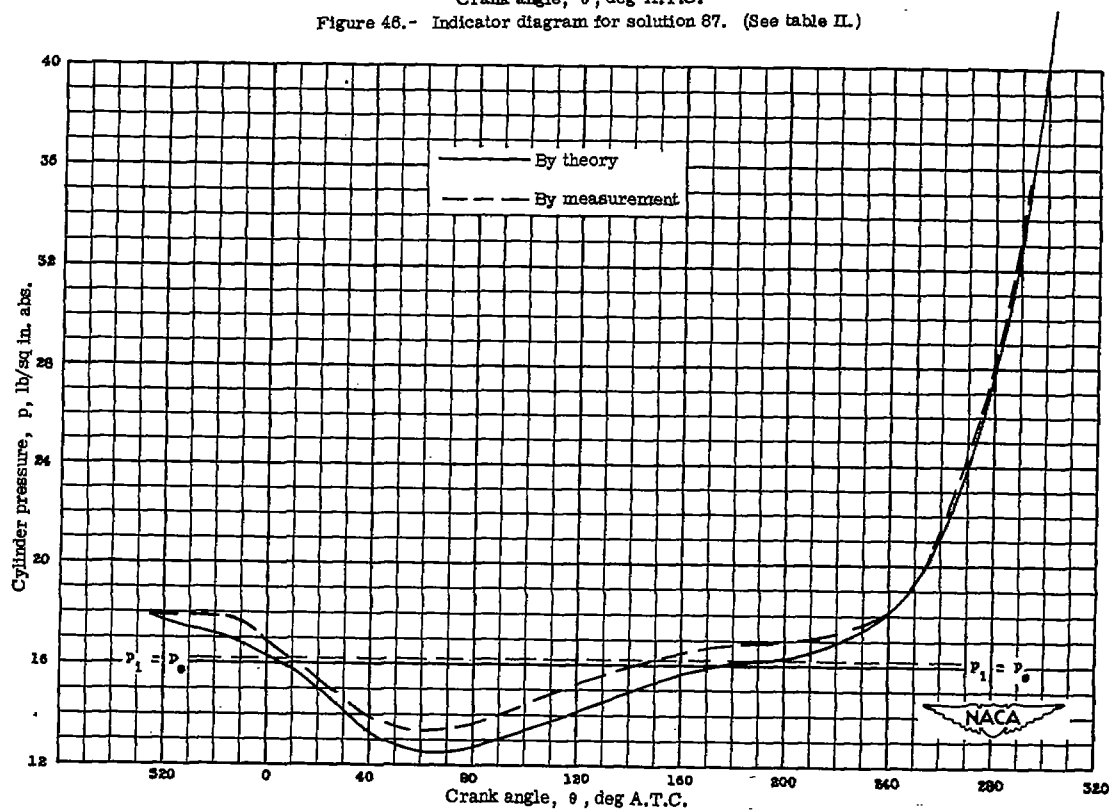


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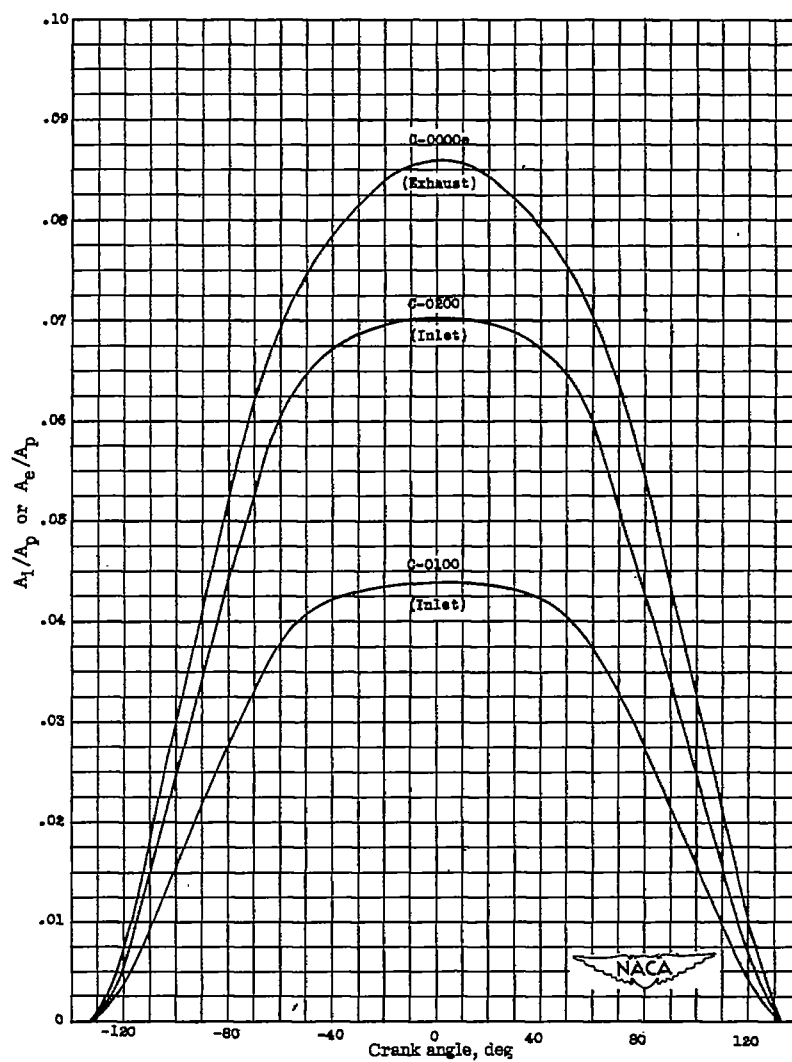


Figure 48.- Master valve-opening curves of crank angle against  $A_1/A_p$  or  $A_e/A_p$ .  
 CFR engine. Numbers refer to curves. (See table II.) Valve opening duration,  
 266° crank angle.

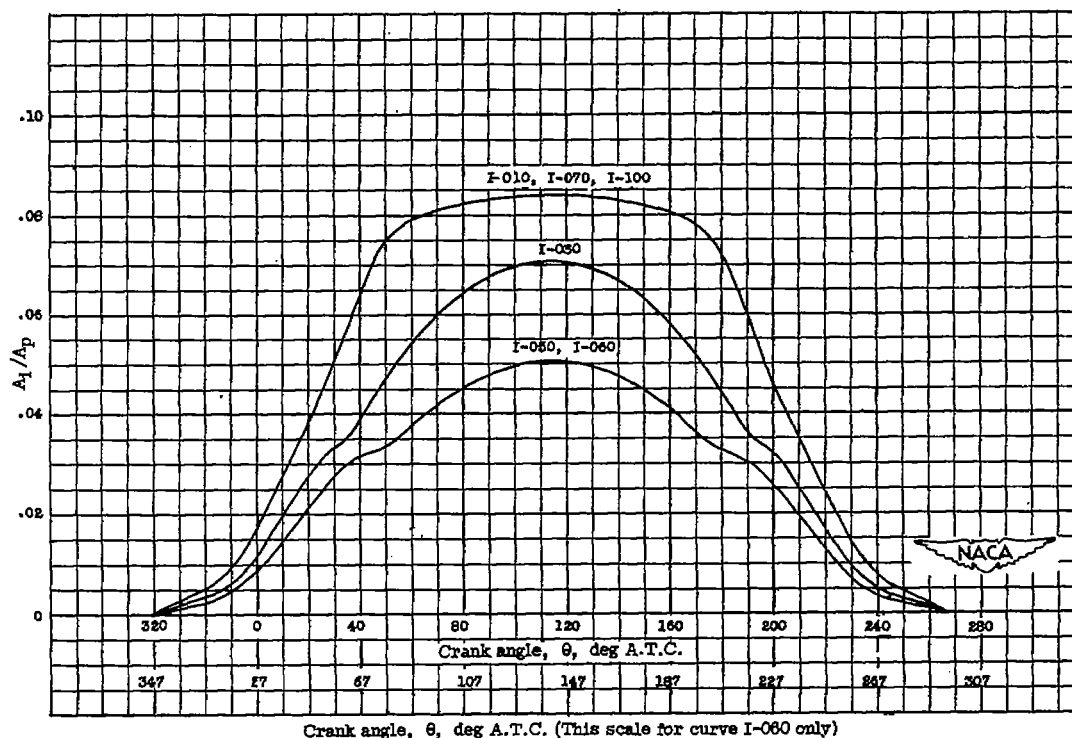


Figure 49.- Valve-opening curves of crank angle against  $A_1/A_p$ . Inlet-exhaust engine; inlet-valve opening duration,  $311^\circ$  crank angle; inlet opens,  $318^\circ$  A.T.C.; inlet closes,  $289^\circ$  A.T.C. Numbers refer to curves. (See table II.)

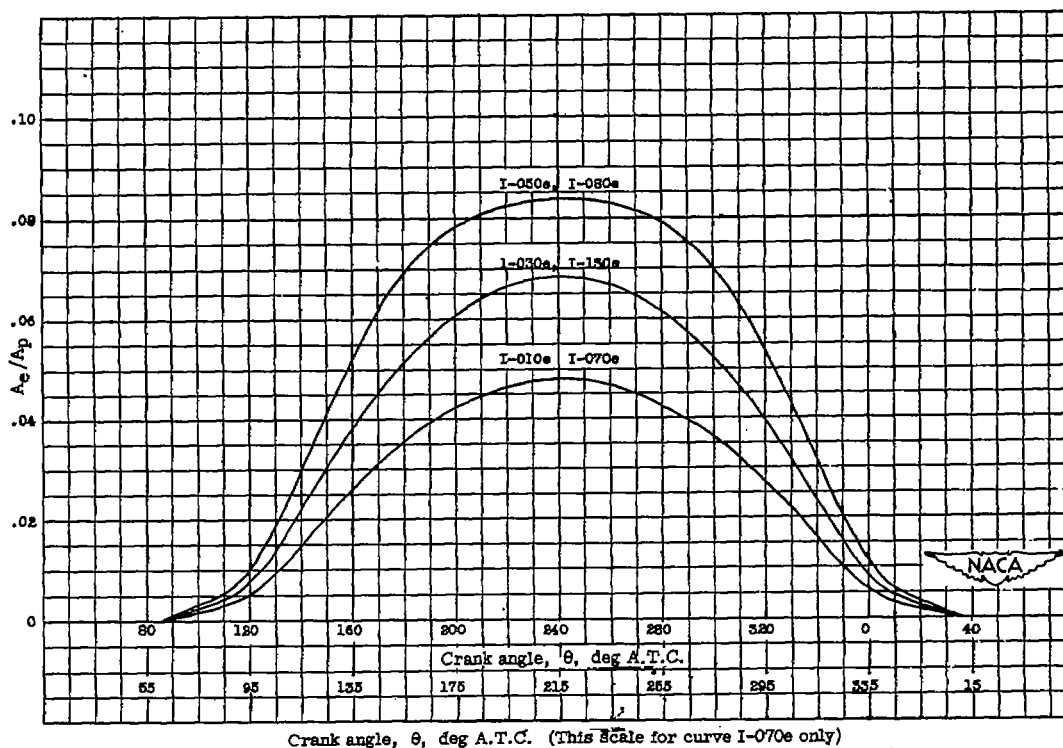


Figure 50.- Valve-opening curves of crank angle against  $A_e/A_p$ . Inlet-exhaust engine; exhaust-valve opening duration,  $312^\circ$  crank angle; exhaust opens,  $85^\circ$  A.T.C.; exhaust closes,  $37^\circ$  A.T.C. Numbers refer to curves. (See table II.)